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Subject: Re: Warkworth & Mt Thorley Continuation Project
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Please find below a submission to the Review of the Warkworth Continuation Project & Mt Thorley Continuation Project.

Judy Walker

Submission to the Planning & Assessment Commission's

Review of the Warkworth Continuation Project & Mt Thorley Continuation Project.

To the Commissioners,

Dear Madam and Sirs,

I object to the extension of the Warkworth Project & the Mt Thorley project for the following reasons:

1. Coal is a fossil fuel which must be phased out. By extending the mines in this area, we are extending the use of fossil fuels that are adding to climate change in the world. This means more extreme weather events. It means there will be further detrimental effects on people's wellbeing, on the inundation of island & low-lying countries, and on damage to crops and the environment.
2. The continued development of coal mines has detrimental effects on Australia's economy. Overdependence on mining of coal leaves us open to recession as the demand for coal and coal prices drop.
3. The issues of employment in the Bulga area needs to be addressed in the light of a necessary restructure of the economy. This perpetual justification of further mining developments, on the grounds of employment maintenance or creation, must be seen as preventing long term reform of our economy.
4. Previously, cases in the Land & Environment Court found that the extension of these mines would lead to virtually impossible living conditions in Bulga, such that the suggestion was made that the village be relocated.
5. However, previous to this recent application an agreement had been made in 2003 to keep Bulga screened from the mine by Saddleback Ridge. By allowing this agreement to be eroded & ignored we are letting a multinational company dictate how our country is governed, and placing Rio Tinto's profits above the welfare of the Australian people, the environment and our country's laws and democratic processes.

In conclusion the decisions of the Land & Environment Court, prior to the changing of the law to accommodate Rio Tinto, should be adhered to. This extension of the mines is not justified when environmental, social and economic grounds are all considered in the appropriate balance.

Yours Sincerely,

Judith Walker

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On 20 August 2015 at 09:35, pac pac <pac@pac.nsw.gov.au> wrote:

Please see the attached letter notifying the forthcoming Planning Assessment Commission meeting on the above proposal for your information.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on the Commission's process.

Kind regards

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