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To whom it may concern,

I was informed of the submission opportunity for Bylong Coal Project regarding the project's expired gateway certificate.

I believe that the project requires a new certificate to confirm its merit. There has been much interest in the past years regarding this project, especially surround its heritage value and its agricultural value. The strong community interest in the heritage value of the area was not apparent 5 years ago when the gateway certificate was granted. Furthermore, the impact of climate change is more severe than predicted, and it is now evident that we need to reduce the amount of coal extracted and consumed for human activities. This information was also not apparent.

In light of the current drought the strategic farmland and groundwater resource at Bylong Valley is now more apparent than 5 years ago. This is also worth reevaluating. The Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land at Bylong is too precious to mine; there is simply no credible evidence that the soils can be restored after mining.

The certificate was given a 5-year period for a reason: conditions change and new evidences emerge. Mining companies cannot receive open-ended approvals for a project.

Best regards
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