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SUBMISSION TO THE INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION (IPC) ON THE BYLONG COAL PROJECT

This is a submission on the Bylong coal project. I object to this coal mine and urge the Independent Planning Commission to reject it in its entirety.

This mine should not proceed because:

- The entire landscape of the Bylong Valley has state heritage significance, as identified by the expert heritage report by Hector Abrahams Architects.
- The mine will irreparably damage these values, and also have broader heritage impacts because it adjoins the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- This mine will directly impact the open cut strategic agricultural land which cannot be replaced. All such land should be off-limits to coal mining.
- The mine will destroy areas that have been mapped as part of the Critical Industry Cluster for the equine industry.
- This mine will devastate the Bylong River and its alluvial aquifer. Government experts warned internally the river could "run dry" if the mine goes ahead.
- The IPCC has released new warnings that global warming needs to be limited to 1.5 degrees and fossil fuels should be phased out quickly to avoid catastrophic change.

I urge the IPC to fully consider the devastating impacts that this project will have on the Bylong Valley and to not approve the project.

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