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Dear Planning Commission

I submit my objection to the Bylong Coal project that will be finally decided upon by the Commission.

The decision that Tarwyn Park is of significant national and historical interest is good news. However the mine is likely to draw down water volume that threaten the nearby river. Can the Commission assure that the natural sequence farming methods will be preserved under these conditions?

In light of the UN announcement days ago that coal energy must cease, added to the growing awareness of coal energy as a sunset industry, all coal mining projects need to be reconsidered. In particular, new mines in rich agricultural areas with historical significance such as the Bylong Valley should be put on hold. Negative consequences of going ahead based on historical assessments and corporate interests are permanent, and outweigh negative short term economic consequences of this project being put on hold.

This project should not be subject to a systematic approval decision process. 336 out of 364 community submissions rejected the mine proposal.

Kind regards
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