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To whom it concerns,

NSW Independent Planning Commission and the Australian Federal Government EPBC referrals should reject the Bylong Coal Mine due to the impacts this would have on World Heritage.

The Bylong coal project adjoins Wollemi National Park at the western end of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. The Bioregional Assessment for the Hunter subregion identified that the mine could cause draw down of water resources into 137 square kilometres of the World Heritage Area. [A recent independent study of the heritage significance of the Tarwyn Park property](#), which is part of the mine proposal, found that the scenic values of the Bylong Valley, along with the other valleys at its western end, contribute to the scenic value of the World Heritage area. That report found that “The Bylong Valley is one of the many valleys of different sizes but consistent geology that together form the western side of the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains, and contribute to its scenic values.”

There will also be noise pollution in the World Heritage Area. The company’s Environmental Impact Statement found that “The noise created by the construction and operation of the Project is likely to affect native species and affect the value of the habitats that remain”

There is a cumulative impact occurring as a result of coal mining activities in several locations at the perimeter of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, including the loss of water in Thirlmere Lakes as a result of drawdown from the Tahmoor mine, pollution of wild rivers in the World Heritage Area by the Clarence and Springvale mines and subsidence risks from the longwalls of the Wambo coal mine adjacent to the northern edge Wollemi National Park near Singleton.

Please accept this submission.

Kind regards

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