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My name is Denise Williams and I strongly object to the Bylong mine approval.

Bylong Valley is farming land that has always been a source of lucerne hay especially in times of drought like now.

The farmers have always managed the limited supply of water. Independent water experts have stated

that a mine will destroy the Bylong River and also the groundwater. So how can the people that choose to stay or are to

far away to be affected by the mine, rely on the mine saying that this will not happen "The water will remain."

Future water is the very essence of life, once it is gone there is no turning back. You cannot and should not trust a company that has one purpose and that is to mine for coal.

One of the reasons for not approving this mine is the state of the road between Wollar and Mudgee through the Munghorn Gap

Nature Reserve. This road is in major disrepair, it is an accident waiting to happen and if you approve this mine the road needs to be addressed before you allow the construction of the mine to commence. A quick fix of the road in a few places will only make the road more dangerous as on the good sections, drivers will travel faster then they hit a narrow bad section. What can happen you tell me?

So the road must be bought up to a safe standard like the Ulan road. The council and the 3 mines spoke about the Ulan road in the Mudgee Guardian on 26th October titled "Upgraded Ulan road project opened".

I will repeat myself and say all road upgrades must be completed before a mine is allowed to commence any work.

Another mine is going to add to more train congestion with longer waiting periods at level crossings which we experience quite often. This makes it harder for emergency vehicles to access emergencies.

If for some reason you feel the need to approve the mine think tourists. Bylong Valley and the surrounding district is a source

of scenic landscape that is photo shot by locals and tourists alike. Dump a big ugly coal mine in the middle, not a good photo.

With regards

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