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Dear Ms Upton,
As you NSW Environment Minister,
I urge you to list World Heritage as one of the matters of national environmental significance for the Bylong coal project.

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.

The report also 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.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this appeal.

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