The Manager,

Independent Planning Commission,

Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St,

Sydney,

10 October, 2018,

Re: approval of Bylong coal mine near Mudgee

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I urge you to reject approval of this new coal mine in view of the recent report from the Intercontinental Panel on Climate Change.

This body of eminent climate scientists have reported that we need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 45% by 2030 if global warming is to be limited to 1.5 degrees, which will still have a dramatic impact of countries.

To approve a new coal mine in this situation is simply irresponsible with regard to future generations and our ecosystems.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Ward.