

**From:** [Bob Doyle](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Belong valley proposed mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:44:53 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

Please consider the following when making your decision:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Kind Regards,  
Bob Doyle  
( resident of the Central Coast)



**From:** [Bill Harvey](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** By long Coal mine proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:43:24 AM

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- To Planning Authority.I submit the following points in opposition to the proposed Bylong coal mine.

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- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area irreparably

Yours Sincerely

Bill Harvey  
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**From:** [Alison Bencke](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:27:59 PM

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As a farmer really concerned about country's future and food production, I strongly oppose the Bylong Valley mining project. Please don't allow it to proceed. Remember Rachel Carson's Silent Spring and the Franklin river. We can survive and will survive without this damaging mining income on our bottom line.

Kind regards,  
Alison Bencke

Alison Bencke

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**From:** [Jean Ellis](#) on behalf of [Jean](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Christmas  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 7:40:18 AM

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My name is Jean Ellis, I live at [REDACTED] and I am writing to tell you how opposed I am to the proposed mining in the Bylong Valley. We used the road through Bylong frequently when my daughter's family lived at Widden – it is the most breathtakingly beautiful vista which unfolds before you as you take the winding road down: that privilege alone is something which should not be desecrated, but there are even more pressing reasons why this mine development should not proceed.

As someone who lived at Wilpingjong, literally in Bungulla Homestead, before the mines there moved in, I have seen how the piece of paradise turns to industrialised devastation at first hand. Underground water is threatened nearby at the iconic Drip Gorge by mine expansion, with no thought for the future of anything except profits. The aquifer at Bylong is in similar peril. Once the damage is done, **it is irrevocable**. I can't believe that the mining concerns involved, massive and offshore though they frequently are, don't realise the damage they are doing: I can only conclude that they just don't care, as long as they safeguard the shareholders' profits and keep their own jobs.

I just heard the solar farm near Wellington has been given the green light, there's already a functioning wind farm at Bodangora, Crudine yet to be built, the list is endless. We have many alternative sources of power at our disposal, we have many mines already in operation and one thing we don't need is another foreign company destroying our heritage and water security for eternity for the sake of the almighty dollar.

Let's wake up to ourselves, draw the line in the sand and stop being the fall guy for those who have already raped and pillaged their own nations and need fresh meat. **We don't need them!**

Yours sincerely,

Jean Ellis

From: [Jean Ellis](#)  
To: [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
Subject: Bylong Christmas  
Date: Thursday, 13 December 2018 7:42:56 AM

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Yours sincerely,  
Jean Ellis

**From:** [Satis Arnold](#)  
**To:** [IPCEN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine - KEPCO  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 1:19:07 PM

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The Commissioners  
Independent Planning Commission  
New South Wales

Dear Commissioners

Bylong Coal Mine - KEPCO

Building new coal mines or coal-fired power plants in 2019 and beyond is a highly irresponsible action because the world needs to urgently reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere. The October 2018 IPCC report strongly indicates the very serious dangers to the world, and to all life on earth, unless emissions are reduced to zero by 2050 from the present level of 45 gigatonnes per annum. "We're almost out of time: The alarming IPCC climate report and what to do next" is an October 2018 Brookings comment explaining the IPCC report. See <https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/were-almost-out-of-time-the-alarming-ipcc-climate-report-and-what-to-do-next/>.

This is why all countries need to urgently develop plans to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 deg C. The non-negotiable requirement is for the world to immediately transition away from coal and oil to LNG, nuclear, solar, wind, biomass and other renewable sources of energy. Coal workers need to be retrained to work in other energy industries. What is lacking in Australia is political leadership, which you could provide by making the right decision on Bylong coal mining. Industry (other than coal) is ready and willing to make these transitions. For example please consider what is going to happen to steelmaking in Whyalla. It will be predominantly powered by solar energy.

The Australian community is not supporting the Bylong Coal Mine either. I understand that "The development application and environmental impact statement were placed on public exhibition in 2015 and received 364 submissions, of which 336 opposed the project". If you give final approval to develop coal mining at Bylong, the Australian community, IPC, and the NSW Govt will regret the decision within 10 years, but it will, of course, be too late to stop KEPCO from continuing to add to the global catastrophe. I hope you are still IPC Commissioners, and if so, you will have the opportunity to regret., unless you take action now.

If you cannot deliver a recommendation to deny approval for coal mining at Bylong, the wise and honourable thing to do is to resign en masse stating the reason you are doing it. You will then forever be remembered with admiration and gratitude. You will be Australian heroes to future generations.

Can you not hear the anguish and rage of our grandchildren as they confront extreme wildfires, droughts, heatwaves, floods, storms, hurricanes, cyclones, storm-surges and sea-level-rise? They will also confront unstoppable mass-migration of people in the most affected countries desperately on the march for a better place, disputes and wars over declining water resources and food, and public health crises arising from increased vector-borne disease.

You need to take a stand now against Bylong coal mining because it is the very core of the

problem and the solution. Approval is the problem, disapproval is the solution, at least in part. It would be a very good beginning.

I have also written to the Premier of NSW, her office has referred my letter to the Hon Donald Harwin, the Minister for Energy and Utilities.

Yours sincerely

Satis Arnold  
Director



**From:** [Gabi Gum](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine objection  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:17:21 PM

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Hello

I wish to register my objection to the Bylong Valley Coal Mine.

I am a regular visitor to the area and know it as beautiful landscape adjacent to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. It is an inappropriate place for a coal mine and it is inappropriate for the NSW government to approve yet another coal mine when the rest of the world is moving away from coal, and moving towards global warming at a concerning rate.

This mine is not in the public interest.

Gabi  
Captains Flat  
Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Peter Reid](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:12:47 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you today to lodge my opposition to the proposed coal mine in the Bylong valley.

I really find it astonishing that in 2018 we are still considering mining coal, it beggars belief. Coal is the most polluting fossil fuel in the world and only burns at 30% efficiency, not to mention the toxic oxides it belches into the atmosphere.

I do not want my child to grow up in a world where we destroy our environment for short term monetary and political gain.

It is time to stop this destructive practice and source energy from renewable zero emission sources.

The Bylong valley in particular is the home of Peter Andrews' property "Tarwyn Park" which is a shining light in the environmental area of living laboratories. This man shows us what we all should be doing in terms of living within, and nurturing our environment. A project of which he has dedicated a majority of his life in. And what ? all to be torn apart by a dirty pollution causing coal mine..

If you want to mine something , why not gas , it burns at 90% efficiency with next to no pollution.

Please consider the natural environment and its' needs rather than that of greedy multi national corporations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Reid



**From:** [Graeme Tychsen](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:33:58 PM

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NSW Planning Commission

Dear Members of the Commission

I object to approval of this mine.

Despite a fest talk of environmental legislation, since the end of the 1960s, this objection is at a time of a very polluted world, as 7bln people seek the benefits of power.

In this era, there has been a proliferation of disorders and, often at much earlier ages, cancers. People are "chemical vessels", pointing to an undisturbed environment as essential.

Running Australia on solar, wind and storage means self-sufficiency and livelihoods for many. Capital is tied up in the coal, and as Australia has never sought a commercial return for mining, there is a smaller risk to the economy in ending coal.

It is now time to go as lightly, cleanly and as efficiently as possible. From exploration to use, coal is filthy, cumbersome, and pillaging.

Thank you for your time,

Yours sincerely

Graeme Tychsen

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**From:** [Paul Reynolds](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:06:47 PM

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please do not allow the coal mine at bylong to go ahead we need less mines we need more.renewable energy.give the people of bylong a christmas present and BLOCK THIS MINE happy christmas to you all help make it happy for all of us from paul reynolds



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:29:02 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Your Commission has the opportunity to do something very BIG, and that is, throw out the application to mine coal in the Bylong Valley.

Somewhere, sometime, a line has to be drawn in the sand between the present and the future.

You've got the chance to do it, now.

May God go with you if you can bring yourselves to stand firm, withstand the pressures from those greedy moneygrubbers. They are crooks. To hell with them.

Kel Cowling  
North Sydney

**From:** [Lindsay Marsh](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:07:51 PM

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Dear Sir/Mme,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

I feel this way because of the existential threat caused by climate change and the effect coal mining has on this and also because this

area is of outstanding natural beauty - One needs to drive through it to appreciate this point.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr Lindsay Marsh

**From:** [Neil & Veronica Robins](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mining proposed  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:48:45 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I wish to advise that I am strongly opposed to the mining of coal in the Bylong Valley.

Please vote to prevent mining in Bylong Valley so that we can preserve this land in its current state.

Thank you

Neil Robins



**From:** [ROBYN](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:13:50 PM

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NSW Planning Commission.

I wish to lodge my objection to the Bylong Coal Project. Apart from the very obvious reasons being that agriculture (food production) and water (our most precious resource) are threatened, there is a much more serious reason to not approve this project.

Recent serious claims have been made about corruption within Planning. There should be no approval granted until a thorough investigation of Department of Planning is conducted.

People of NSW are entitled to demand this investigation. How many approvals have been granted where corruption of process has contributed to the final approval. How much agricultural land and groundwater has been sacrificed that should not have been.

**No more approvals until Dept. of Planning is investigated. People of NSW must have complete faith in the approval process for mining and coal seam gas projects.**

Robyn King  
Mullaley

**From:** [apark8](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:36:28 PM

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Comissioner,

I would like it to be known to you my strongest objection to the Bylong coal project on the grounds that the valley has never Been subject to mining before and that it will forever change the valley.


Also that it will cause a minimum 10m draw down of the bylong river ground water aquifer.

This spectacularly beautiful valley must be protected.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Aaron Park



Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



**From:** [The Exile Co.](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:34:00 PM

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Hello, I'm writing to you in the hope you will put a stop to the Bylong coal project.

Coal mining will irreversibly change this beautiful Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism and will greatly affect the groundwater aquifer, and we all know that there are major doubts whether it can withstand this change. Bylong is also the home of Tarwyn Park Natural Sequence Farming which has provided such insight of very successful farming methods - without the use of chemicals, this could be a huge solution to the incredible costs farmers face when they resort to chemical farming and if coal goes ahead, there is certainly the risk of losing this iconic exemplar.

I hope, so many of us hope, that NSW could lead the way with renewable energy, it is the obvious way of the future, I cannot understand how we are still having these archaic conversations about coal when it is very clear what is happening around the world. And if bizarrely you don't believe in climate change, then what about the benefits of people's health, coal has been proven to affect health, Singleton has one of the highest cancer rates and we know how they are immersed in coal. There is constantly the economic defense when this conversation arises and we can talk in circles about it but the bottom line is we can't eat coal and we have a perfectly great solution. It is absurd that we are not relishing it.

- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection and a mine in the valley will also mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Can we please start being leaders in this crucial area of environment and health, we as a state and a country are dragging the chain.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,  
K.Barton



**From:** [Veronica Stephenson](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:13:42 PM

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Dear NSW Planning Commission

I am surprised the Bylong Coal project is still on the agenda. It is a beautiful area, right next to the Blue Mountains national park. I believe that the groundwater would be threatened by the coal mine, and this is reason enough to say no to a coal mine in this terrible drought. In addition, the agricultural land will be ruined and we are losing too much of that already with cities gobbling up farms all the time.

Coal is the energy of the past. Now renewables are cheaper and even big companies, and energy companies, are putting in renewables in preference to using grid energy and digging new coal mines !

I am delighted that the Hume coal mine has just been rejected. Why it ever came up for consideration is beyond me as it encroached on Sydney's drinking water.

I hope you make the decision to reject this proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley as well, as there doesn't seem to be any good reason to approve it, but there are many reasons to reject it.

Regards

Veronica Stephenson

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project.  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:02:13 AM

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Dear members of the Independent Planning Commission,

**Please reject** the Government backed KEPCO proposal to mine coal in the Bylong Valley.

The world's leading climate scientists have only this week warned that Australia is not doing enough to avoid dangerous climate impacts, with a significant reduction in coal consumption needed over the next decade. This is an opportunity to reverse that trend. It is not good enough to approve the revised proposal, just because it is said to be 'approvable'.

This project will impact on water and agricultural resources in the valley and lead to a fundamental shift in the valley in favour of mining over agriculture and water security on which agriculture depends.

We must take very opportunity to husband our agricultural and water resources, not jeopardise them on the **continuing myth** that co-existence and rehabilitation is possible - which is how I'd describe KEPCOs commitment to restoring at least 400 hectares of highest quality agricultural soil land after the project - a myth in the making.

We have what we need for our future, which is why we need to **export 'renewables'** to developing countries **not coal**.

The historic Tarwyn Park property must remain an integral part of an agricultural community. The Department's plan would relegate to it being a museum piece. Again, we have things back to front! It is coal that is the museum piece.

I support the Lock the Gate Alliance's assessment that "Not only will this mine put the climate at risk, but new research shows it will take South Korean mining giant KEPCO one step closer to destroying a magnificent valley with state significant heritage values."

IT must not happen. Let the people be heard. Because we're way ahead of the government on this!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kardell

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**From:** [Jim Morris](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Project  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 2:59:41 PM

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Dear  
Commissioners

I live in Sydney and like Kepco executives, shareholders and any prospective FIFO workers, have no direct connection with the Bylong Valley. I am very much with the Bylong community's fight against a coal mine because all Australians are liable to face encroachments that are very hard to fight, and we all should stand together, wherever we live. I love visiting the Mudge area and the drive back south of Denman has very sad landscapes, ruined by coal mines.

## **Global Warming**

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Bylong Coal Project anticipates a 25 year life, more than twice the period of time in which nations round the world have to make any meaningful reduction in CO2 emissions to risking a 2 degree increase in global temperature. How can fewer than 900 short term jobs justify escalating repercussions to global climate systems, such as sea level rise, droughts, floods, out-of-control bush fires, cyclones/tornadoes, ocean acidification, coral bleaching, depleted fisheries, plant and animal extinctions, worsening population displacements, water shortages and water conflicts. These and other outcomes are already general knowledge. Reminders such this one turn my stomach and I would think yours. It's very annoying to be mentioning it and it would be nice to not take them into consideration as many people, including politicians, do. To adequately fulfil your duties you really must.

## **We need coal?**

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argument is put that the more coal the better, coal is needed well into the future. What I know about human beings is we make do, and nothing motivates change for the better than dire necessity. We all know this within ourselves, from our own life experiences, and it is

true at the macro level as well. There is another aspect, that we are living with a major revolution. Changes we cannot imagine occur within years let alone decades. Could the Bylong Coal project actually have a 25 year life? Could it become a stranded asset, a shameful repulsive hole?

## **Beauty**

There's much excitement about "living" on Mars, even greater enthusiasm for tree change. This disparity spells out the essential contest of interests regarding the Bylong Valley. Beauty v's totally destroyed and hideous landscape. Long-term, a void that impedes movement, a permanent detour and disgusting legacy that turns what would otherwise be surface water into polluted groundwater that pollutes wherever it seeps through to, in particular for Bylong, the Bylong River.

## **Ground water**

Not only do coal mines pollute groundwater but there's the prospect of a 10 metre drawdown of groundwater for the district, including the remarkable Tarwyn Park. Come droughts the coal mine would relentlessly draw from the groundwater supply. No water allocation adjustment for mines! What effects might underground mining have on subsidence and surface cracks? Dried up creeks?

## **Noise air pollution and cracking**

These factors have effects long after the mine's life. It goes to the question, for what purpose? Negative health impacts, quality of life, repair costs to damaged buildings from blasting and disputes over who's responsible. The coal industry has a disappointing reputation regarding these considerations.

## **Displaced population**

The argument for jobs at coal mines should be seen in the light of

long-term residents moving out of the district, lost work opportunities in farm production and tourism, the losses to local township and social life, and FIFO workers who have no enduring interest in the area.

### **Biodiversity offset**

This is a total nonsensicality. An offset only has meaning in the case of a site that has no natural biodiversity value, that can be easily replicated nearby for mainly human amenity. Natural ecosystems cannot be created. Nice looking natural areas can be grown but the original biodiversity can't. The seven natural ecosystems designated as an offsets are already fulfilling their role for environmental health, cannot possibly compensate for losses to another area's destruction, and would be very likely adversely affected themselves by, in this case, the destruction of the critically endangered White Box-Yellow Box/Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ecological community.

### **Aboriginal heritage**

We are learning to listen to Aboriginal people who retain traditional skills and knowledge. I believe the amorality of fixing on the financial bottom line must be lost to the Aboriginal perspective, treading lightly on the earth. The following are well worth reading.

<https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/2018/12/08/indigenous-fire-educator-victor-steffensen/15441876007232>

Aboriginal  
biocultural Knowledge in South-Eastern Australia: perspectives of  
early colonists. Editors: Fred Cahir and Ian D. Clarke

### **Conclusion**

I very much hope you will decide in favour of a healthy,  
prosperous,

rich Bylong society and environment, and recommend the Bylong Coal project be rejected.

Jim  
Morris

[Redacted]

**From:** [Kel Raison](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project  
**Date:** Sunday, 16 December 2018 3:10:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [KRaison\\_Bylong.docx](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached my letter of concerns regarding the Bylong coal project application currently under consideration.

Please pass this on to the IPC panel members and let me know the outcome.

Kind regards,  
Kel Raison



**From:** [Gail Kerr](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:19:40 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to express our total opposition to the mining of the Bylong Valley.

We have more than enough coal, and less and less untouched and undegraded farming land for our children to inherit and value. Obviously some developers will never have enough profits, though, so it is up to our government institutions to protect the citizens of NSW, both current and yet to be born, from their greed.

Please reject this mine.

Kind regards,

Gail & Richard Kerr

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**From:** [Gill M](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 5:29:48 PM

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I wish to submit my objection to the Bylong project. I have many objections but my main objection is the impact the mine will have on water (surface and ground) and the quality of the water that is discharged from the mine.

As the Commission is aware NSW is in a state of drought. No-one knows how long this drought will last and mines are large consumers of water. Underground mines need vast amounts of water to reduce the risk of fires and explosions. Water is needed to keep the dust down, to push the coal along pipes etc. Each tonne of coal requires 250 litres of fresh water which is about a quarter of the total volume needed, the rest is recirculated (when using best practice which is problematic due to costs). Additionally, the problem with the recycled water is the very high mineral salt levels which when discharged is toxic to biota in the environment. Kepca Bylong suggest the mine will produce 423 million tonnes of coal.

The DPI Groundwater Assessment Report for the Bylong Project suggests there are too many variables for this project to be given the all clear.

([https://drive.google.com/file/d/10iW5JFm6\\_lxbu5Olz21jRzm2wZsbVcv8/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10iW5JFm6_lxbu5Olz21jRzm2wZsbVcv8/view)).

The Bylong project long-wall tunnelling will undoubtedly damage the river bed disrupting much needed water flows down stream to agricultural businesses and farming communities. This process has been seen at the Peabody mine north of the Illawarra, where the Cataract River drains away at Appin, releasing methane through the cracks in the dry subsided river bed.

We live in a dry continent where water is our vital resource. Without water connectivity due to the mine the surrounding World Heritage wilderness areas and the farm communities will struggle to survive in an ever drying continent.

Please reject this Bylong Project.

Yours faithfully

Gillian McElroy  
(B.Ecology)

**From:** [Kate Botting](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong project  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 3:32:35 PM

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Hi

Could you please stop mining fossil fuels. We have fantastic technology now and can support coal miners to move into other job opportunities.

Work is the fundamental source of value added. Its the only thing that can transform the material we harvest from nature (SUSTAINABLY) into the full range of goods and services we need to live a full life. Not just TV's and throw away plastic junk but food, clothing and shelter; education and health care; entertainment, culture, and community. IT ALL TAKES WORK

**From:** [Eric van Beurden](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong proposed coal mine by Cabco  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:43:07 AM

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Commissioners,

We are shocked to think that the NSW government would consider allowing a new coal mine in the Bylong Valley and, based on the issues set out below, call on your commission to strongly recommend that it should not happen.

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.

The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage

The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.

A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

We trust that as an independent commission, you will use these points to make a strong case against proceeding with coal mining in the Bylong Valley.

Sincerely,

Dr Eric van Beurden

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**From:** [Richard and Penny Stanford](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley - Proposed Coal Mine.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:22:17 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

It is imperative, for the sake of the next generation and all those to come, that we stop developing any more fossil fuel projects.

In a comment published in [Nature](#) on 5 December, Yangyang Xu, Veerabhadran Ramanathan and David G. Victor say that the 1.5°C global warming threshold will occur around a decade earlier than projected by the IPCC, around 2030, with Earth hitting 2°C by mid-2040s (Figure 3).

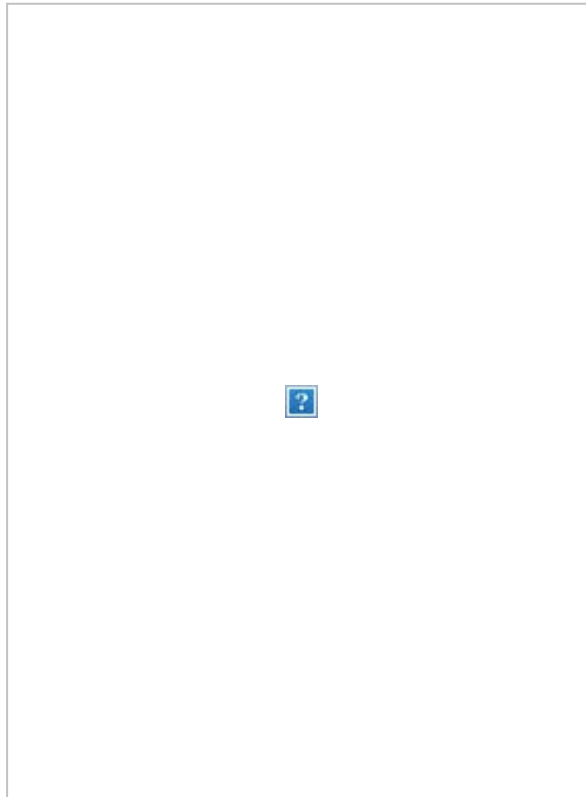


Figure 3

This accelerated warming was discussed by RenewEconomy in April this year, as [1.5°C of warming is closer than we imagine, just a decade away.](#)

We do not need any more fossil fuels, we can transition to 100% renewable energy, which will be cheaper into the bargain.

Apart from the affects on our climate, worldwide, the local effects on the Bylong valley would be catastrophic:

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.

- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will also mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Yours sincerely,

Richard Stanford

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**From:** [Hotkey](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:10:34 PM

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To Mr Gordon Kirkby,  
My name is Frances Hugo



I am writing to you to express my opposition to the possible mining and destruction of another beautiful and pristine place. The Bylong Valley, I hope your decision is to not approve the mining.

Thanking you

Frances Hugo

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MC Dray](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 5:31:25 PM

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Attention the Commissioner

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my opposition to the mining proposal in the Bylong valley .

Australia is mostly deserts land, our fertile agricultural is limited and precious . Whilst mining provides jobs , we need to balance economic benefits with our long term food security and sustainability.

Whilst numerous mines in the arid outback are acceptable , it is totally inappropriate to destroy or seriously damage our food bowl and beautiful green valleys for the sake of just another mine.

Corporations which goals are only expansion and profits, have no limits and not concerned by ethics , these need to be checked by our institutions,

As citizens we rely on our government to protect our land and long term future, Bylong Valley has numerous benefits , (agricultural and water supply, ) it needs to be preserved for the present and next generations .

Please reject this mine proposal .

Sincerely

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [margot.white](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley / objection to mining there  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:59:13 PM

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Dear Gordon,

I would like to lodge my strongest objection to the proposed coal mining in the Bylong Valley. As a resident of the already ruined Hunter Valley and a frequent traveller along the Bylong Valley from my home near Sandy Hollow to my daughter's home at Lue I cannot believe our government could consider spoiling forever another beautiful valley.

I know that you will have listened to many persuasive arguments on both sides, and heard evidence from numerous experts. However it falls to you and your fellow commissioners to make the final decision. I urge you to not allow this mine to go ahead, to preserve this beautiful and productive valley for now and for future generations to come. It really does come down to you and your fellow commissioners to do the right thing and not add to climate change and leave a poorer earth for our Grandchildren and all future generations. It is time someone on the IPC is brave enough to stop this madness, there is enough devastation of the environment already happening in NSW from already approved operations please don't add another.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

Margot White.

**From:** [audrey.mclean](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** BYLONG Valley Coal for Korea  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:46:44 AM

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I am writing to voice my total opposition to this project.

I wonder if anyone who has approved this mine has actually set foot in that valley, and wonder, if so, how can they possibly even contemplate its destruction.

Yours, with very little hope for the future

AUDREY McLean



**From:** [Judith Ohana](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:58:52 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I wish to add my voice to that of the many people who have no doubt already contacted you to urge the Planning Commission to reject the coal mine project.

Although we live in Sydney we owned a small farm in the Hunter Valley for 30 years, and were greatly distressed by the damage to the environment done by extensive coal mining in the area.

The Bylong Valley is a beautiful place, adjacent to World Heritage listed areas and home to sustainable farms.

The likely damage to groundwater aquifers is of particular great concern.

Please listen to the community and reject this dangerous project, for the sake of Australia's future generations.

Judith Ohana OAM



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [kay wilson](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong valley coal mine application  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:44:35 PM

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Please record my opposition to the establishment of coal mines in this agricultural valley.

The risk to groundwater for agricultural purposes is high, as all mines threaten this essential resource.

Not to mention the growing concern in the world about use of fossil fuels !!!

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely

Kay Wilson

**From:** [Irene Wheatley](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine Extension  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:35:09 AM

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To the Planning Commission

As the Commission's final determination is due shortly, I urge all concerned to take note of all the objections to the KEPCO expansion proposal and finally deny the miners from further destruction of the once glorious but still beautiful Bylong Valley. The proposal which includes the plan to mine beneath Tarwyn Park, which is the crucible of Natural Sequence Farming will be disastrous. Please let the Bylong Valley flourish as a farming community, as it once did. Coal mining is coming to an end. Solar is the way to go for the near future at least. Do not allow this company to export pollution in Australia's name.

Thank you,  
Irene Wheatley



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*Cheers from Irene Wheatley*

**From:** [Reg Holmes](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:30:16 PM

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I would like to register my objection to the coal mine in the Bylong valley, as it will take valuable ground water and destroy valuable agricultural land.

Regards,

***Reg Holmes***



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**From:** [Debbie](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:35:29 PM

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Dear Sir,

My name is Kent Robinson. I live in Bathurst NSW and I would like to make clear to the Commissioner considering the go ahead for the Bylong Valley Coal Mine that I strenuously oppose said project.

regards,

Kent Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Klaas and Aafke Woldring](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:47:32 AM

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Please record my opposition to any new coal mine in Australia.

Arguments against the BYLONG coal mine:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Klaas Woldring, Ph.D.  
A/Prof SCU.

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**Governance system change books by Klaas Woldring**





**From:** [George O'Patonga](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 10:31:33 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am calling on you to reject the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

There are several important reasons for rejection:

- We have alternatives to the coal that would be mined - it is not necessary.
- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Thank you for the opportunity to have input on this vital matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Clarke



**From:** [Paul Payten](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:27:26 PM

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Commissioners  
IPC

Dear Commissioners,

I write to voice my real concerns about the above project and in fact wish to express my desire that it not be approved or proceed. My reasons are:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining would irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- More coal mines is anathema to current local, national and international science and community thinking.
- The coal mine would cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer. There are doubts whether it can withstand this damage so I invoke the Precautionary Principle: if there is a risk, do not act.
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, would suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley would mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- Lines on a map do not diminish impacts from activities in neighbouring areas, i.e. World Heritage environment would not be immune to coal mining in adjacent non heritage areas.

Please act for the community and planet rather than for private corporate profit, regardless of some jobs being offered.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Payten



"(All) truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident." [Arthur Schopenhauer](#)



I wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of the Bega Valley Shire

- the people of the Yuin nation - and pay my respect to elders past, present and emerging.

**From:** [Reg Holmes](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 12:33:55 AM

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I would like to register my objection to the coal mine, as it will take valuable ground water from the aquifer and destroy valuable agriculture.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Jim Levy](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley coal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:02:40 PM

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I am registering my strong opposition to any new coal mines in the. Bylong Valley. Issues of water, destruction of prime agricultural land, global climate change and ecological destruction are some of my objections. We don't need it. Keep it in the ground. It won't go off. There seems to be undue haste here.  
Jim Levy

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 2:54:21 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand the NSW Planning Commission is due to make a decision regarding a coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

I do not live in this area but have travelled through and know it is an area of beauty which would be irreversibly damaged by a coal mine.

The issue of Global Warming is well documented so sufficient to say I oppose another mine being opened up in NSW.

I feel more important is the issue that the area will be negatively impacted visually, the impact on agriculture and most importantly the effect of draw down on the Bylong River groundwater aquifer.

Please pass on my objection to the Commissioner in charge of this case.

Yours Sincerely

Margaret Nowlan

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**From:** [Robert Garnsey](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley mine objection  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 4:22:19 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I write to express my concerns as a resident of NSW about the proposed Bylong Valley mine.

I am familiar with the villages and farming communities growing our food on the some of the best soils in NSW along the scenic Bylong Way, surrounded by the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Area and Gouburn River National Park.


If approved, the mine will destroy prime farmland and water resources when the coal beneath is dug up and removed. And when that coal is burned it will contribute to the consequences of human induced climate change that we can already see is responsible for extreme heat, fire, flood events, sea level rise and a growing rate of extinctions.

The recent IPCC report has clearly shown that the world must stop extracting and burning coal as a matter of extreme urgency to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Warm regards,

Robert Garnsey



**From:** [nellie oldham](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Mine.  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:30:18 AM

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Please, please, please do not let the mine at Bylong proceed.

Destroying such beautiful, rich farming area for short term profit ( = greed) would be yet another blight on the government's record of not listening to the people whom they are supposed to 'govern', support and consult.

Thank you.

Narelle Oldham.



**From:** [Glenn Turton](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 9:18:34 PM

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Dear Decision Makers

I sign many petitions but write few direct emails. I consider this important enough to go the extra.

The Bylong Valley is an extraordinary place. Beautiful, natural but supplying large quantities of food compared to some other areas. This is because it is also a fertile area for food, cattle or dairy.

A mine here would not only heavily impinge on production in these areas but would eliminate one of the most beautiful areas of our nation.

My working life has involved driving the Hunter Valley since the mid 80's. This has changed from a joy to being an unpleasant experience. Muswellbrook area is like a war zone or worse. Golden Highway needs a new name.

Please don't let this pristine valley be lost to us and those who follow. Do the sums or read the tea leaves of coals reduced need and work out the truly right thing to do.

Don't leave our kids and grandkids wondering why the holes in the ground are all we left them.

Hoping  
Glenn Turton

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 1:45:02 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to voice my concern about the proposed mine in the Belong Valley. The UN has released a report that warns of significant global climate consequences unless carbon emissions are cut to zero by 2050. The approval of this coal mine is in direct opposition to what the UN and scientists are recommending.

The mine is being touted as a boon to local employment, however when the development application and environmental impact statement were placed on public exhibition in 2015 and received 364 submissions, of which 336 opposed the project. The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism. The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage, droughts are becoming more common and lasting much longer than they have in the past and this is directly attributable to climate change and warming, which is being exacerbated by carbon emissions. We need to find cleaner ways to generate power, coal is a fuel of the past not the future.

Another loss in this mining project will be the living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar. This is a testament to what we can do in the future to work with the environment and not against it. Tarwyn Park is an example of how we need to farm, not mine.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection, it is next to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and A mine in the valley will mar not only the World Heritage Area but our reputation as a forward thinking country.

Please rethink your approval of this mine and stand for a cleaner future for Australians.

Yours faithfully,

Megan Hyatt

**From:** [Angela Michaelis](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley mine/concerns  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 3:07:15 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I write to express my concern as a resident of NSW about the proposed Bylong Valley mine.

Knowing of the damage that has been done in the Hunter to air quality and pollution of underground water, I am concerned about the alienation of farmland in this beautiful valley which has never been mined before.

As a regular bushwalker in the Blue Mountains, I am also concerned about the impact of mine expansion on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

And of course I am very concerned about the impact of any new coal mining on greenhouse gas emissions, at a time when the recent IPCC report has clearly shown that the world must stop extracting and burning coal if we are to have any chance of keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees C.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Kind regards

Angela Michaelis



**From:** [Caroline Jago](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley No Coal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 5:57:13 PM

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Please no coal mine in Bylong valley we must move to renewables like the rest of the world and industry (apart from coal industry) want.

Regards  
Caroline Lewis  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mick Shields](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong valley proposed coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:20:13 PM

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Please do not approve the bylong valley coal mine. I cannot imagine how such a proposal has even got this far.  
Please stop it now. A coal mine in that valley will be seen as criminal by future generations.

Thankyou for your time.

Michael Shields



Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Proposed Mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 1:58:17 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to voice my concern about the proposed mine in the Belong Valley. The UN has released a report that warns of significant global climate consequences unless carbon emissions are cut to zero by 2050. The approval of this coal mine is in direct opposition to what the UN and scientists are recommending.

The mine is being touted as a boon to local employment, however when the development application and environmental impact statement were placed on public exhibition in 2015 and received 364 submissions, of which 336 opposed the project.

The promise of employment associated with the proposals of this type of project rarely elaborate on who this employment and wealth is for, suggesting that it's somehow related to the local community, which is patently garbage.

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before, like many of the contested areas where huge foreign owned concerns plan to wreak havoc for the profit of a few elites. It seems insane that valuable and unrecoverable farmland close to major populations is being decimated at ever increasing rates.

Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism. The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage with droughts are becoming more common and lasting much longer than they have in the past, and this is directly attributable to climate change and warming, which is being exacerbated by carbon emissions. We need to find cleaner ways to generate power, coal is a fuel of the past, not the future.

Another loss in this mining project will be the living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar. This is a testament to what we can do in the future to work with the environment and not against it. Tarwyn Park is an example of how we need to farm, not mine.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection, it is next to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and A mine in the valley will mar not only the World Heritage Area but our reputation as a forward thinking country.

Please rethink your approval of this mine and stand for a cleaner future for Australians.

Yours faithfully,

ernie marton



**From:** [Greg Roberts](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** BYLONG VALLEY SUBMISSION  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:42:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [Bylong Valley submission.docx](#)

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Bylong Valley

Please find my further submission on this critically important subject

Please confirm receipt

Thank you

Greg Roberts





**From:** [Elizabeth Vasta](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:27:17 AM

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Dear Members of the IPCN,

Please oppose a coalmine in the Bylong Valley.

Elizabeth Vasta

**From:** [Glen](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:28:44 PM

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Independent Planning Commission NSW

To whom it may concern.

I am hereby requesting that no approvals for above or below ground mining or gas extraction in the Bylong Valley be granted, on the grounds that this area is a prime agricultural zone still in pristine condition, which would be destroyed by any form of mining.

Once mining commences the land is no longer suitable for food production. Without food and safe water, the future enlarged population that is projected for Australia will struggle to survive without the importation of potentially polluted produce from overseas.

Food cannot be produced from a hole in the ground.

Please reject any application to disturb the Bylong Valley by any company, local or otherwise.

Glen Brindle 

**From:** [Jane Suranyi](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:15:55 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I wish to state my opposition to mining the Bylong Valley. The mine will draw down the water table to levels that may be unrecoverable. In the worst drought in living memory prioritising coal over water security is irresponsible. Not to mention the impact on adjacent World Heritage Areas. In the age of renewable energy why are you proposing to destroy prime agricultural land for income that from coal that could be had from agriculture and tourism to name a few.

Regards

Jane Suranyi Bsc

**From:** [Kassandra Bossell](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 9:31:50 AM

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Dear Chair of Bylong Panel,

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.

This issue is very important to me, my friends in Sydney against coal mining and my parents in Dungog. For the following reasons, we object to this mine going ahead:

Coal mining is obviously stupid in the face of Climate Change - green power is the future.

THE DETAILS:

The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage.

A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.

Please take our objections into account.

*Best,*

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*Kassandra Bossell*

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I pay my respects and acknowledgments to all Traditional Custodians on whose land I live, work and travel through.

**From:** [duxheather188](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** BYLONG VALLEY  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:43:58 PM

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Largest canyon in the world; wider han Colorado but not as deep. Beautiful part of the state and you want to vandalise it? Where will it end?

Sent from my Samsung Mobile on the Telstra Mobile Network

**From:** [Stephen Langford](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** bylong valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 5:46:03 PM

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Please do not allow 'development' or mining of any kind in the Bylong Valley.

Stephen Langford mob. [REDACTED]

**From:** [Richard Narbutas](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 9:38:55 AM

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Hello.

Coal Mines are always going to be contentious.

Despite contractual arrangements requiring the operator to rehabilitate the land at the end of the mine's work in life, this doesn't seem to happen.

That tract of prime farming land will never be the same once the mines have gone.

I oppose mining in the Bylong Valley.

Richard Narbutas

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [McComas Taylor](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bywong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:13:15 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in the hope that you will reject the Bywong Coal Mine proposal. We must use renewal energy, not fossil fuels at this point in history.

Yours sincerely

McComas Taylor

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**From:** [Timi Bell](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Coal mine in Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:43:30 PM

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I am writing to register my sadness that you would be considering putting another Coal Mine in NSW in the Bylong Valley.

NSW would be committing more agricultural land to a Coal Mine that will be destructive for our planet.

If the panel have any Grand children, and any care for the environment we will be leaving them, it would be criminal to go ahead with this proposal.

The planet does not need more Coal to be dug up. We must leave it in the ground and find an alternative ways of which there are many.

I hope the panel will see reason and reject this proposal

Yours sincerely  
Tim Bell

**From:** [Riki Davidson](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Coal mining in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:46:35 AM

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Dear IPC,

I am writing with regard to the decision that is to be made soon regarding coal mining in the Bylong Valley.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal on several grounds:

- mining in the Valley will unavoidably cause severe drawdown in the Bylong River aquifer as it has done elsewhere;
- it would cause irreparable damage to the existing sustainable pursuits of agriculture and tourism that are undertaken in the Valley;
- the Bylong valley is a magnificent and dramatic landscape that merits state heritage protection;
- coal mining in the Valley would be a blight on the nearby Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Please take these factors into consideration when making your decision regarding mining in this sensitive and spectacular location.

Yours faithfully,  
Riki Davidson

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Riki Davidson



**From:** [Lyn Trindall](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Coal mining should never take place in Bylong.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 7:04:22 PM

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Thank-you for the opportunity to oppose the Bylong Valley coal mining proposal. I wish to make the following points:

- 1). The beautiful Bylong Valley has never before been subjected to mining. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from Agriculture and Tourism.
- 2). The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer & there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage.
- 3). The Bylong Valley is a spectacular landscape that warrants State Heritage protection.

Sincerely,  
Lynette Trindall



13/12/2018

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Maddy Braddon](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns over the Bylong Coal Mine - it should be stopped!  
**Date:** Sunday, 16 December 2018 12:45:57 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the planned Bylong coal mine as a concerned young person who plans on moving to the Bylong area next year.

I am extremely worried about moving to a region that accepts new coal mines, given that it would cause irreversible damage to already pressured water security, prime agricultural land, and tourism. I am also aware that new coal mines are also contributing to climate change. I would hope that the NSW government supports renewable energy projects ahead of dangerous new coal mines.

This area is significantly beautiful, and my hope is to move to this region to establish myself and one day raise a family there.

Please consider my concerns as the assessment for this coal mine continues.  
I look forward to hearing a response from you.

Kind regards,  
Maddy Braddon

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**From:** [Lindy Frazer](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Do not approve the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:42:14 PM

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To the NSW Planning Commission:

- I urge you to reject plans for a coal mine in the Bylong Valley.
- A coal mine in the Bylong Valley will irreversibly change it for the worse and make a shift away from agriculture and tourism.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection. A mine in the Valley will be detrimental to the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- A coal mine in the Bylong Valley would draw on water in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer which is a precious resource in these drought prone times. Groundwater must not be sacrificed for short term gain.
- NSW Planning must reject any new coal mine applications in a time when we need to transition away from fossil fuels.
- All coal needs to stay in the ground.

Sincerely,  
Lindy Frazer



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**From:** [Prue Vines](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Don't approve the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:22:34 AM

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Dear Planning commission

I am writing in my private capacity to say that the Bylong coal mine is a really bad idea. Please don't approve it. It will damage wildernes areas and we really don't need any more coal. I rang today and was told this email would be forwarded to the correct person. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Prue vines

**Professor Prue Vines** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**Website:** <http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/staff/pvines/> . You can access some of my papers at SSRN:  
<https://ssrn.com/author=429136>

**Latest book: (with Carroll and Chiu) *Apology Ordinance: commentary and annotations* (Sweet & Maxwell, Hong Kong, 2018)**

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**From:** [Martin Oliver](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback regarding the proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:49:55 AM

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I do not agree with this proposal, and would like to register my opposition to it.

My main concern is the depletion of groundwater by around ten metres, and the consequent effects on neighbouring farmers. Other issues include the loss of a rural landscape that has never been subjected to coal mining, impacts on tourism, and close proximity to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Oliver  
Lismore



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**From:** [Reg Holmes](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:34:51 PM

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I would like to register my objection to the coal mine in the Bylong valley, as it will take valuable ground water and destroy valuable agricultural land.

Regards,

***Reg Holmes***



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**From:** [Terry O'Leary](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Concerns about the Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:52:31 PM

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Please note and respond to my email I have sent to John Barilaro this afternoon.

Thank You  
Terry

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Terry O'Leary [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 12 December 2018 at 12:47:40 pm AEDT  
**To:** John Barilaro [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Concerns about the Bylong Coal Mine

Hello John

Last month I travelled through the beautiful Bylong Valley and was shocked to learn that a coal mine was planned for this area.

Bylong Valley is area of rare natural beauty and a highly productive agricultural area. I am a voter in the very marginal seat held by John Barilaro, any new coal mines in this area or Gloucester or Liverpool Plains would certainly influence how I will vote in the upcoming election.

New coal mines will damage our state, the environment and harm the health of the people of NSW. In particular special places like the Bylong Valley will be lost to future Australians by inappropriate developments like the proposed Bylong coal mine.

An effective and good government would place a moratorium on all new coal mines. I am happy to visit you John in your electoral office to discuss this matter further.

Thank You

Terry O'Leary  
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**From:** [Elisabeth Brasseur](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** My Christmas wish!  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:53:14 AM

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Dear planners,

I have only one wish for Christmas: that THE BYLONG COAL MINE WON'T GO AHEAD!  
We are at a tipping point for Climate change. Listen to your conscience, not to the coal lobby.  
You owe it to future generations! Bylong is SO BEAUTIFUL. Please NO wrecking!  
I hope you can also have a great Christmas knowing you made the right decision for the planet.  
Best regards,  
Elisabeth Brasseur



**From:** [Greg Bowering](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** My Opposition to fracking  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:32:48 AM

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Dear Sir/Ms

This email is to register my opposition to coal mining in the Bylong Valley  
As an Australian citizen and tax payer who votes I urge the government to cease all new coal  
mine approvals

Regards  
Greg Bowering

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**From:** [Tracy Ellis](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No coal mine for Bylong  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:26:40 AM

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Please reject this ghastly project. You would have to be out of your minds to waste such a place for a coal mine.

Tracy Ellis



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No Coal Mine in Bylong Valley and Save Tarwyn Park  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 3:39:32 PM

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The coal mine proposed for Bylong Valley must not be allowed to go ahead.

When we know mining destroys aquifers and Australia is at huge danger of drying river systems, and heating and drying soil, this agricultural valley which has never been mined is the perfect demonstration site for all farmers to learn about Tarwyn Park Peter Andrew's Natural Sequence Farming method. (During a bad drought his proved to be the only remaining verdant farm in the valley due to his taking experimental measures to ensure moisture remained in the soil.)

Bylong valley, a beautiful landscape surrounded by the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage escarpment, of high spiritual value to the local indigenous Australians, is of continuing value for both farming for our food security and for tourism. It must not be destroyed. Tarwyn Park must not be lost (cf PA Yeoman's hydrological and keyline ploughing farm, Naralla, now lost to a housing estate).

Coal is a stranded asset. Do not destroy our food security for fossil fuel and ruination of the land.

Yours faithfully,

Keelah Lam

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Greta Werner](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No mines for the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:31:14 PM

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Dear NSW Planning Commission,

I oppose a Bylong coal mine in Tarwyn Park and the Bylong Valley.

I am a mother of three living in Sydney, and our family holidays in the Bylong Valley to enjoy the countryside and enjoy a rest from our busy city lives.

I agree with the following concerns that 'Lock the Gate' also have:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put this iconic agricultural exemplar at risk.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

These facts are deeply concerning to locals and tourists to the area like myself.

Another, even more important concern is the effect of mining and burning coal on global heating. I have no idea how the NSW planning commission can consider approving another coal mine when scientists have proved that this would make our climate worse. Do you have children or know someone who is a farmer?

Please record my name and address if you need this to record my opposition, but please don't publish my address online.

Regards,  
Greta Werner



**From:** [ashrimp47](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No to a coal mine in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:19:43 PM

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Dear Decision Makers,

Please reject the coal mining proposal for the Bylong Valley.

This development was tainted with corruption by Eddie Obied etc. and it still reeks of corruption.

The aesthetic and environmental damage makes this mining proposal not worth the short term minimal financial gains.

Also the IPCC report states that we urgently need to get out of fossil fuels or or children and grandchildren will inherit a nightmarish world. Who wants to do that to the innocent?

Renewables make sense and fossil fuels are going the way of the Dodo, hopefully before we do!!

Regards

Allen Shrimpton



Sent from my Samsung Mobile on the Telstra Mobile Network

**From:** [Jyantha Madawala](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:08:21 PM

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Dear sir/madam,

I wish to record my objection to the Bylong coal mine going ahead.

Regards,

J. Madawala

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Bylong Coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:13:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [Occurance under each climate state.png](#)

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Dear IPCN,

I would like you to record my strong objection to the Bylong Coal mine proposal.

It would be a travesty if this mine was allowed to proceed. Foremost amongst these reasons are:

- **Water.** The drawdown on aquifers is estimated to be 10 metres. Water is a finite resource. Coal mines have been allowed in NSW that are depleting water resources. We simply cannot allow this to continue.
- **The Bylong valley** is a valuable farming country. Farmland is a finite resource. We cannot allow the endless and cumulative degradation of farmland for coal mines.
- **Water Planning in relation to climate change.** I ask that the Planning Assessment Commission factor in how water systems can continue to support agriculture under the worsening impacts of climate change. A reasonable person would consider that if you fail to do this, you will be derelict in your duty of planning ahead.
- **Tarwyn Park** is a showcase of management of land for water conservation. If you allow the destruction of this unique, natural experiment, Australia will lose an important living laboratory for how we can adapt to reduced rainfall in a changing climate.
- **The recent IPCC Special [Report on 1.5C](#)** revealed that we are on a trajectory for rapid and unprecedented warming with severe [impacts on Australia](#). The role of a Planning Commission must surely factor these changes into consideration of a new Bylong coal mine, in pristine agricultural country. I attach a graphic that illustrates that if we go to 1.5°C warming, southeastern Australia will experience the high temperatures associated with the 2006 drought **every 3 years**. If we go to 2C this will occur **every 3 out of 4 years**. Yet, at the current rate of emissions, we are on track to go beyond 3C warming.

In view of all of these consequential issues, I ask that the IPCN consider agriculture, water, and water scarcity under climate change conditions when you make a decision on the Bylong Coal mine.

Yours sincerely,

[Annie Kia](#)

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### How often is it likely to occur under each climate state?

| Event                                                       | Associated impacts                     | 'Natural', ie no human-induced change | Current climate (global mean 0.9-1°C above 'natural') | 1.5°C warmer than 'natural' | 2°C warmer than 'natural'         |
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| Angry Summer 2012-13                                        | Severe heatwaves; bushfires            | 3 times a century                     | Every 2-3 years                                       | Every 2 years               | Most years (7-8 out of 10)        |
| Coral Sea heat Jan/Feb/Mar 2016                             | Worst coral bleaching event on record  | Rarely, if ever                       | Every 3 to 5 years                                    | 2 out of every 3 years      | Almost every year (8-9 out of 10) |
| High temperatures associated with SE Australia drought 2006 | Water restrictions, reduced crop yield | Rarely, if ever                       | Every 3 years                                         | Every 2 years               | Most years (3 out of 4)           |



**From:** [Rosemary Blemings](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to mining in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:52:10 AM

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Aaron, the ipcن receptionist requested I send an email objection to mining in the Bylong Valley to the icpn.

My reasons for objecting include:

- It is environmental destruction to build a coal mine close to the Blue Mountains World Heritage area.
- It is agricultural destruction to build a coal mine or extend a mine into the Bylong valley where Natural Sequence Farming had its origins at Tarwyn Park. NSF shows how land can be restored from the ravages of exploitation that destroys natural ecosystems through land use/management totally unsuited to Australian conditions and soils.
- Coal is an increasingly uneconomic way to create electricity; the more so if the actual environmental costs of its extraction, transport and burning are factored into impacts on people, the planet's climate and communities' futures.

Rosemary Blemings,



Volunteer landcarer and amateur naturalist.

**From:** [The Dairy](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed mining in Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:02:24 PM

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Could I please have my objections to this mine forwarded to commissioners considering the proposal.

I am a resident of Bathurst NSW and do not want the Bylong Valley destroyed by coal mining as has happened in the Upper Hunter.

Thank you

Sue Pamment  


**From:** [Nicole Luhrs](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to the proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:46:02 AM

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I strongly object to the Bylong Coal Mine due to environmental reasons, as outlined below:-

1. A coal mine adds to climate change. We should be investing in renewable energy, not in a polluting coal mine that adds to carbon emissions. The Independent Planning Commission has a duty to consider the IPCC report that was handed down on the same day as the Bylong final assessment report. Keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees means phasing out coal in OECD countries like Australia and South Korea. The burning of coal needs to be phased out by 2030.
2. This mine has a life span up to 2044 and is not consistent with NSW Government policy which states that, "The NSW Government endorses the Paris Agreement and will take action that is consistent with the level of effort to achieve Australia's commitments to the Paris Agreement.
3. It is close to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains area and the pristine Wollemi National Park. In addition, there are sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage, biodiversity and community in the region
4. Amount of water required for the coal mine to operate is not feasible- we are in the worse drought in Australia in over 100 years. The Bylong Valley has been an important source of drought fodder for many years. This production is reliant on an adequate source of water to grow lucerne and pasture. Water requirements for coal mining as well as groundwater impacts equate to further loss of water available for the production of drought fodder.

Please do not proceed with this coal mine.

Nicole Luhrs

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**From:** [Maria Zafra](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION FOR THE COAL MINE AT BYLONG VALLEY\_Maria Zafra  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 5:05:33 PM  
**Importance:** High

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To the Commision,

I am opposed for the proposition for Korean KEPCO Coal mine to destroy the Beautiful Bylong Valley.

Due to: OUR GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTINUE TO DAMAGE AND SELL OUR LAND. PLEASE CONSIDER THE AFTER AFFECTS!

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Regards

Maria Zafra



**From:** [susan ambler](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Bylong mine proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:10:56 AM

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I wish to state my opposition to any mine being allowed in the Bylong Valley. I live in the Blue Mountains in Katoomba and I am concerned about the potential effects that a mine could have on the nearby Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

I am also concerned about the levels of water that a mine would use and the damage that this, and the mine itself, would cause to a vital agricultural area that would be better kept pristine for food production and tourism.

We do not need this mine, and especially not in this place.

Thank you,  
Susan Ambler



**From:** [mariannewiseman](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:35:15 AM

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Dear Madam/Sir

I would like to register my opposition to this proposed coal mine. I live in the Hunter Valley and have seen it destroyed by coal mining.

We are now at a stage when renewable energy is cheaper than fossil fuel energy and it is high time to transition to renewables, both in conventional economic terms, to contribute to meeting our emission reduction targets, to avoid compromising the health of people in the Bylong area, to protect the water, the nearby Blue Mountains area and I general be smart enough to choose clean energy and not perpetuate old, unhealthy, pollting forms if energy.

At a time when governments are meeting in Katowice, Poland to try to respond to the impending disaster of global warming and climate change it would be an extraordinarily irresponsible act to approve another coal plan.

Trusting in proper scientific analysis and environmental responsibility, I look forward to the decision not to approve this coal mine.

Yours sincerely

Marianne Wiseman, citizen and voter

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Sent on the go with Vodafone

**From:** [Lida McCool](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Bylong Valley mining  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:35:27 AM

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Dear Commissioner,

I want to express my opposition to the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley. This area has invaluable agricultural and heritage value and mining should not be allowed here.

As highlighted by the most recent scientific research on climate change, the extraction and burning of coal and fossil fuels must be immediately stopped, to avoid even further catastrophic damage to the economy and the survival of the human population on the planet. Fossil fuel companies are being sued in the USA for irreversible damage to the environment and this will become more common as the climate situation continues to worsen.

Further the IPC should reject the proposal of mining the Bylong Valley, as the proposed mine would lower the water level by at least 10 metres and pollute the aquifers making agricultural land unusable in the area.

The Bylong Valley is also very close to the World Heritage site of the Blue Mountains and tourism to the area will suffer from a mine of such magnitude.

Further, as you are aware, Tarwyn Park has both heritage and scientific importance and must be preserved.

Finally, in the face of unquestionable climate change caused by the extraction and burning of coal, allowing the mine to proceed would constitute a criminal act against humanity's future survival and as such legally prosecutable.

Thank you for your attention

Warm regards

Lida McCool



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO THE BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:47:33 PM

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To The Commissioner,

I object and oppose the Bylong coal mine.

Recently I drove through this area on a visit to Orange and Mudgee and was overwhelmed with the beautiful countryside and spectacular vistas. Having driven through parts of the Hunter Valley I was equally taken aback and utterly dismayed at the scars left on the landscape by mining.

We are now in the 21st century, not the 19th, and how anyone can even consider opening a new coal mine is beyond belief. Our future is with sustainable, renewable energy and the government needs to prioritise this and not be influenced by vested interests in the fossil fuel industry, which is unsustainable and past its use by date.

Coal is an incredibly dirty industry which impacts health through dust particles. It is also a huge user of water, such a precious resource particularly with the drought conditions being experienced wide spread throughout NSW. Once the aquifer is gone, it's gone.

This area has not seen and should not see mining. We need the land for agriculture to sustain us and tourism to continue to promote this area of natural beauty.

I respectfully request you reject the decision to go ahead with the Bylong coal mine.

Pippin Lord  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [Katherine Cameron](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:17:16 AM

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Please note that I am lodging my opposition to a coal mine at Bylong. The beautiful Bylong Valley landscape needs to be preserved and given state heritage protection. The area should maintain the value of its agriculture and tourism.

Yours sincerely,  
Katherine Cameron  
Bathurst

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Catherine Shirley](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bylong Coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:48:05 PM

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Dear NSW Planning Commission,

I am writing to you on today to voice my objection to the Bylong Coal project. The Bylong valley is spectacularly beautiful - i drive regularly through it from Maitland to Orange - it would be a tragedy if this landscape is replaced with mine workings that would forever scar the valley.

The impact on the groundwater is unacceptable and would negatively affect rural residents, farmers and future generations. There is already so much coal mining occurring in the Hunter valley, why open up new green field sites at a time when we should be slowing down coal production and taking action on climate change?

I implore you to reject the Bylong Coal project and protect the beautiful valley for future generations. The people of NSW are demanding action on climate change and this decision should reflect the communities interests - not those of Kepco.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Park



**From:** [Judith LeVine](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please block the Belong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:59:15 AM

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To the Commission:

Please do not allow the Bylong coal mine project to go ahead.

Coal is polluting to air and water, and a proven health risk to humans and to natural ecosystems. Coal is not the future of energy; NSW residents are eagerly embracing renewable energy. The Government needs to accept that and support a positive step to the future, and not a retro step backwards to more unsustainable coal.

Please block this coal mine.

Thank you.

Judith E LeVine

**From:** [Hugh Vaughan](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please do NOT approve the proposed Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:32:51 AM

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To the planning commissioners,

I would like to register my strong opposition to the proposed Bylong Valley coal mine. This proposal is so wrong on so many levels that it should be inconceivable that it be allowed to proceed:

- The recent IPCC report (based on thousands of scientific papers) says that we must STOP burning any coal at all by 2040 to have any chance of limiting global warming to a level that may be endurable for future generations. Permitting a new coal mine in these circumstances would be reprehensible in the extreme.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

I urge you to consider your responsibilities to our children, to future generations and to the environment and all life on Earth. Life or profit - that is what this boils down to. The decision should be easy. Please, please reject this proposed mine.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Vaughan



**From:** [Peter Shields](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't approve the Bylong Valley Coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:43:52 PM

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Dear Commissioner,

Please don't approve the Bylong Valley Coal project!

The benefits do not out weigh the costs.

It's time for us to move on from Coal.

Thank you for hearing my perspective!

Peter Shields  
Corporate Alchemy  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ted Nixon](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please no coal mine in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:10:21 AM

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Apart from the fact that any new coal mine adds to the already disastrous effects of global warming, it is horrifying to contemplate the impact of ANY mine on the hitherto unspoiled Bylong Valley - which coincidentally I visited to help celebrate an 80th birthday a fortnight ago. [ I recorded 67 species of birds on that property over the W/E: magic!]

Yours sincerely,

Ted Nixon

**From:** [Brigid Dowsett](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please protect the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:52:11 PM

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To the NSW Planning Commission,

Dear Sirs,

We are writing in the hope and expectation that the beautiful unspoilt Bylong valley can be protected from coal mining and permanently maintained for farming and for its intrinsic natural values.

NSW has enough mines and now we need a moratorium on coal mining while we decide how we secure the future for our next generations. With a growing population and the effects of a changing climate, our prospects are at risk if we don't protect the best of our agricultural land such as Tarwyn Park, our vital waterways, native biodiversity and natural landscapes - and transition away from use of fossil fuels.

Please make the right decision and save this wonderful valley. Look after the local landholders and the wider community that care about these tranquil places in the Upper Hunter and want them saved. It is worthy of state heritage listing, making it safe for posterity.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard & Brigid Dowsett,



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**From:** [Margaret Wallace](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 6:52:35 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I write to urge you to reject the proposed Bylong coal mine, firstly because we cannot afford to lose more agricultural land and water to the destruction of mining, and secondly because coal mining harms human health by creating hazardous dust. And thirdly, because burning coal will lead to toxic air pollution and a rise in emissions causing global warming. We need to move towards renewable energy now.

Regards  
Margaret Wallace  
NSW resident.

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Jenny Watson](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please Stop Bylong Coal mine from going ahead and destroying this beautiful valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:59:04 AM

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This Coal Mine in the Bylong simply cannot be allowed to go ahead. Short term gain and long term pain with no justification for the devastation of a beautiful tourist and agricultural area. This is madness and must be stopped immediately for the following extremely valid reasons.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

**STOP THE BYLONG COAL MINE PROJECT NOW OR OUR GRANDCHILDREN WILL DESPISE OUR LACK OF FORESIGHT. THE ACTIVISTS WILL RISE UP. THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.**

**Yours sincerely  
Jenny Watson**

**From:** [Ruth Kendon](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop the Bylong coal mine.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:50:35 AM

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Dear government officers

I write to urge you in the strongest possible terms to halt any and all coal mining in or near Bylong. The current proposed mine will contaminate air, water and earth as well as injure the health of all those people living in the area.

Those individuals will have their livelihoods and health damaged and will be unable to sell their properties if they wish to relocate - a property being poisoned is worthless and unsaleable.

These outcomes are completely unacceptable. There will be little benefit for the nation, real harm to the health and incomes of the local people, and irreparable damage to the local environment.

**PLEASE STOP THE BYLONG MINE!**

Sincerely  
Ruth Kendon



**From:** [Lynda Fletcher](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE STOP THE BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:00:47 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam

As you are aware, the NSW Planning Commission will be making a decision very soon about the proposed Bylong coal mine and deciding the fate of Tarwyn Park and the spectacular Bylong Valley.

I am strongly opposed to this mine being approved. Australia must move away from coal and not approve any new coal mines if we are to have the required impact on global warming and the consequent catastrophic climate change.

Have you been to the Bylong Valley? If you have, I'm sure that you would agree that it is a beautiful and tranquil place which supports the industries of agriculture and tourism. A coal mine in the valley would be disastrous for these local industries, particularly for the reasons below:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

I urge you NOT TO APPROVE this coal mine proposal and allow the Bylong Valley to remain the beautiful, peaceful environment that it is. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

LYNDA FLETCHER

**From:** [Gill Burrows](#)  
**To:** [IPCEN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Preserve the beautiful Bylong Valley it must not be destroyed for a coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:57:10 PM

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Dear Planning Commission

I tried to ring you this morning but alas everyone was out and the phone just kept ringing so I'm sending you an email to express my concern that the unspoilt Bylong Valley remains a peaceful rural and agricultural area. I'm asking that you reject the proposal for a new coal mine in this valley now and forever.

I'm shocked that it could even be contemplated to allow a coal mine in this iconic rural area. Coal mining provides short term gain for a few, usually overseas companies, and a few jobs lasting less than half a generation, and the beauty of the landscape can never be restored.

Not only will the natural beauty of the Bylong valley be despoiled by a coal mine but the water systems of the valley will be irretrievably damaged. This is unconscionable in our very dry country currently experiencing severe drought. Water is our most precious resource, the proposed coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage. It will alter the surface and groundwater reserves which will impact agriculture and the world renowned Natural Sequencing Farming research project at Tarwyn park. Instead this should be declared a world heritage area and preserved for posterity.

Health effects too are serious. It is well documented that coal mining is damaging to health of communities due to dust and other toxic emissions<sup>1</sup>. *"Particulate matter (PM) air pollution is the most deadly form of air pollution globally. Its microscopic particles penetrate deep into the lungs, bypassing the body's natural defences. From there it can enter the bloodstream, causing lung disease, cancer, strokes, and heart attacks. There is also evidence of detrimental effects on cognition. Yet, in spite of these risks, the relationship between particulate matter air pollution levels and human health is not widely comprehended by society at large"*. The Hunter Valley mines have caused huge air pollution and surrounding communities are suffering with respiratory and other diseases.

These health effects will be exacerbated by increased exposure and will cost the health department and hospital system dearly in years to come.

And finally, the recent IPCC report makes it quite clear that coal mining is rapidly becoming a crime against present and future generations. Warming of the planet and serious adverse weather events are accelerating. The planet must no longer be subjected to CO2 emissions from fossil fuels. It is naïve to say we will not be burning the coal in Australia so will not affect our emissions. CO2 emitted anywhere affects everywhere else as the atmosphere completely surrounds the planet, our home, our only planet earth.

It is essential that NSW urgently develops a plan to transition from fossil fuels to provide alternative jobs for workers in the mining industries. Planning should be accelerated and focused on this as top priority rather than developing new coal mines. I look forward to hearing that NSW has declared a moratorium on coal and fossil fuel mines and receiving information about what transition plans are being developed.

Thank you in anticipation of a speedy, positive response

Angela Burrows

Angela Burrows



1. <https://aqli.epic.uchicago.edu/reports/>

**From:** [Mike Purtell](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine Submission  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:40:27 AM

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Dear Commission

I would like to state my strong opposition to the Proposed Bylong Coal Mine

I have the following deep concerns

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
- Further coal mining IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY and should be stopped as a matter of urgency -our future on this planet is at stake -please don't approve this mine

Please do not approve the proposed Bylong Coal Mine

– we should be making a quick transition away from coal to renewables for the sake of the future of our planet -and so there should be no new coal mines being opened up.

The State are our representatives in decision making for the environment and should be aiming to close down the coal industry as a matter of urgency -in fact to not close down the coal industry IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY -we must close down all coal mines as a matter of urgency

Yours sincerely

Michael A Purtell

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**From:** [Jakob Pfaeffli](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:12:41 PM

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Sir / Madam,

This e-mail is to express in strongest possible terms my objection to the proposed new coal mine in the Bylong Valley and to urge you to not approve any proposal that will allow mining in the valley.

It should not be a surprise to you any longer that the use of coal and fossil fuels has to be abandoned as soon as possible and projects need to be prioritized that will replace them with alternative power sources.

I understand that there is big business interest in selling coal and it has been lucrative over the past centuries, however the coal diggers & exporters never paid for the mess they left behind and it has now come to the point where it is impossible to keep the coal industry going for the sake of our atmosphere. Definitely not opening new mines.

Make sure the old ones are shut down as soon as possible and no mess is left behind that will need public funds to tidy up.

Please consider all the current science about climate change and make a firm decision against the Bylong Coal proposal. We can't afford the environmental impacts.

Thank you and regards

**Jakob Pfaeffli**

[REDACTED]

**From:** [merebone.merebone](mailto:merebone.merebone)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](mailto:IPCN.Enquiries.Mailbox)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:43:22 AM

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Good morning,

I would like you to record my opposition to the proposed Bylong Coal Mine.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

*Many thanks,*

Jennifer Knop

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Jennifer*



**From:** [Alison Rodway](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:06:03 AM

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Dear Planning Commission

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Bylong coal mine for the following reasons:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
- Coal mining contributes to climate change and should be replaced by renewable energy initiatives

I live in a rural community on the far south coast, working in the agricultural and environmental sectors and for Landcare and understand the impact that such a development would have on the Bylong community. Please reject the proposal and support the long term health of rural communities and the environment.

Yours sincerely  
Alison Rodway



**From:** [Nicola Chirlian](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:54:12 PM

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that you do NOT approve the Bylong Valley coal mine.

This site is too good to mine. I have visited Tarwyn Park on a number of occasions and appreciate the historic nature of that property as the original site of Peter Andrews work on maintaining and increasing water on farms. The setting is magnificent, and should be listed as a state heritage site, rather than decimated by mining.

Given that the Department has made a sensible decision and rejected the Hume Coal Mine in the Southern Highlands, we know that you will be able to also take ALL considerations into account for the Bylong mine and reject it also.

Please - take the sensible decision! NSW and the world does not need this mine.

Yours faithfully,

Nicola Chirlian

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**From:** [Jim Edwards](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:17:20 AM

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Hello I would like to register my opposition to the Proposed Bylong Coal Mine for many reasons which are well known now. The valuable & depleting water it would use, the fact that we do not want more coal mines as all Climate scientists insist, the health of the good people of Bylong & nearby would be seriously affected over time, it would totally ruin the township forever, there would be absolute minimal jobs created by a mine & they would soon disappear as mechanization etc takes over, the food production would be affected etc, etc. Please do not allow this mine to proceed. - Jim Edwards [REDACTED]

**From:** [Julie Anderson](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 12:07:02 PM

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I want to express my opposition to a coal mine in the beautiful Bylong valley.

The proposed site, located next to Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area, is no place for a mine.

It will destroy the landscape, affect groundwater, agriculture and tourism.

A heritage report states that the whole valley warrants state heritage listing, so please stop this coal mine going ahead.

Sincerely,

Julie Anderson

Sent from my Samsung GALAXY S5

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 6:04:41 PM

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To whomever is concerned with the decision making

I wish to register my protest at the proposal to mine the Bylong valley for Coal.

This is a productive, fertile and beautiful valley it would be a tragedy to destroy this for short term gains for some, and thus create long term losses for many.

Australia had enough coal and gas for our needs but may soon be woefully short of agricultural land to grow food on. This area is also valuable recreation space and provides green space for co2 sequestration. Mining is not a solution that is acceptable for meeting energy needs.

Yours sincerely  
Lee Rodger

**From:** [Stephen Spencer](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 2:32:00 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that the Commission will be making a decision very soon about a proposed coal mine in the spectacular Bylong Valley.

I am opposed to any mine there for the following reasons -

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The proposed mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage.
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

I respectfully ask that my concerns be considered and the proposal for a mine be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Spencer



**From:** [Elizabeth Parker](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed coal mine Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:55:17 PM

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## URGENT

To the NSW Planning Commissioner deciding the fate and future of the By long Valley today.

I am writing to record my opposition to the proposed mine in the Bylong Valley.

- Until enough people make a stand an alternative to coal will not be considered. There must be a better way without destroying our beautiful valleys like Bylong.
- Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Please stop the proposed coal mine.

[Sent from Yahoo7 ifMail on Android](#)

**From:** [Helen Gibbons](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:30:57 AM

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I am very distressed that a coal mine could even be considered in the beautiful Bylong Valley. Today a report has been released from a university study which highlights that Australia's water resources will be severely adversely affected by climate change. The drawdown of precious water from the coal mine would put the water table in jeopardy. Apart from all the other objections, this alone should be reason to stop the mine. I ask the commissioners to put people and our water resources before corporate profits and reject the mine. Be forward thinkers and promote sustainability.  
Sincerely Helen Gibbons  
Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Anna Harpley](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Protect Bylong from coal pollution and devastation.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:50:51 AM

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I write to express my distress that agricultural land and water at the edge of a World Heritage region could be exposed to permanent devastation by coal mining.

Sincerely,

Anna Harpley



**From:** [Anna Fienberg](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Protect Bylong Valley from coal mining, please!  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:51:02 AM

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I am writing to protest against the possibility of coal mining in the stunning Bylong Valley. It seems inconceivable to me that the idea could be entertained, in this beautiful part of the world, against the backdrop of climate change produced by the burning of fossil fuels.

The Bylong Valley, and Tarwyn Park is a stunning part of the Upper Hunter, and should be protected and nurtured for us all to enjoy.

Please do the job of good government: to make good decisions enabling the land and its people to flourish.

If you permit this coal mining to go ahead, it will not only be disastrous for the area, but for the sense of hope a huge majority of us cling to that we can change the profiteering mindset to save our world.

yours in faith and hope,

Anna Fienberg



**From:** [Jenny McCracken](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Protect the Bylong Valley from unwanted Coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:49:37 PM

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Attention: NSW Planning Commission reoresentative,

I am writing to express my deepest concern about the proposed Bylong Valley coal mine. I request that you protect the Bylong Valley, and more importantly the Bylong River ground water aquifer from any damage from this mine. The proposed Bylong Coal mine offers nothing positive in the long term for the majority of Bylong Valley residents, and its potential for contamination and drastically reducing the ground water to such an extent that it threatens the communities of the area is a major concern of many NSW voters.

The landscape of the Bylong Valley is spectacularly beautiful, and deserves state heritage protection, not irreparable scarring for short term corporate profit.

Please consider the importance of this area and its value to all Australians when you consider whether this Coal mine will be disallowed or not.

Warmest Regards

Jenny McCracken  
Visual Artist,



Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.  
—Albert Schweitzer, French philosopher, physician, and musician (Nobel 1952)



**From:** [Colin](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Protest against mining in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:46:08 AM

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I would like to add my voice to those of others who hope the final decision is against mining in the beautiful Bylong Valley – for the sake of those living there now and for the sake of the future.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Bylong Coal Project  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 9:19:02 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment Phillipa.

I OPPOSE the proposed development for several reasons, the most significant of which are:

- the additional dust load that would be created by the mine in the Hunter region which already suffers from cumulative dust load that is well above medical guidelines.
- the carbon emissions caused by mining and then burning the coal would make it extremely difficult for Australia to meet its international obligations and to ensure a safe climate and limit to global warming.
- the additional salt load on the Goulburn and Hunter Rivers and the impact that this would have on existing uses including agricultural and environmental flows.
- the visual impact of the mine on an incredibly beautiful area. I understand that the Bylong Valley Way has been named in the drive.com.au top ten great Aussie drives. If you have driven east along the road in late afternoon you will understand. To allow a coal mine in this environment would be a crime.

Please withhold my name from the submission.

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**From:** [Vicki Wattus](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Register my opposition to the coal mine at Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:35:05 AM

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To the Commissioner,

I wish to register my opposition to this coal mine. Our future depends on renewable, clean sources of energy.

The majority of Australians WANT and DEMAND a better option for future generations. We do not want any more coal mining. There are so many other options available now and if these were funded, researched and promoted, it would be possible to never mine for coal again.

Australia should be at the forefront of clean energy and stop this out dated and environmentally unsound method of extracting coal.

The Bylong Valley is a pristine and natural environment. The community there does not want a mine in their back yard and they should not have to put up with one.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Kind Regards

Vicki Wattus,   




**From:** [darian.zam](mailto:darian.zam)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Mining in The Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:24:01 PM

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The NSW Planning Commission will be making a decision very soon about the proposed Bylong coal mine and deciding the fate of Tarwyn Park and the spectacular Bylong Valley.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Therefore any mining activity in The Bylong Valley should NOT be approved to go ahead.

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Thanks and Regards  
Darian Zam

**From:** [James Pengilley](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Reject planning for Bylong Coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:18:23 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I call on you to firmly reject any mine proposal in the Bylong valley.

On any level, this is totally irresponsible in today's economic, social and environmental world. We do not want another dirty big hole in the ground especially so near a world heritage listed area. It is toxic to water, air and land.

Why not build a solar or wind farm instead of using two centuries old technology?

Have you understood the latest world wide climate change report. This should be front & centre of anything you are doing right now

Regards,

James Pengilley

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:29:01 PM

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Stop the Bylong coal mine it's never been mined and we don't need more coal mines.

Kind regards

Lee Ross

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angelica Milling](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** STOP THE BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:57:42 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please stop the Bylong Coal Mine.

The Bylong Valley is a beautiful and secluded part of the Upper Hunter that has never been mined before. It's right next to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and the whole valley warrants state heritage listing.

It is no place for a coal mine and in fact this is no time to be starting new mines anywhere. It is time to look forward and after our future. Coal is not the way forward.

Yours sincerely

Judith Milling

**From:** [roxana knittel](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:38:16 PM

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Hi

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed Bylong coal mine.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

We are the driest continent on earth and need to be world leaders in water management. We should be exporting this knowledge instead of damaging our precious water and agricultural resources.

Please be more far sighted. Coal has a built in end date and we need to plan for beyond this.

Roxana Knittel

**From:** [JENNIFER CUTHBERTSON](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Submission re Belong mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:02:34 PM

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Dear Commission

I urge you to reject the proposed Bylong coal mine and make the Bylong valley safe from coal mining.

This is valuable agricultural land and as such is not suitable to be lost to coal mining, in the face of the demands of a rising population and of drought and associated climate change loss and future risk to agricultural production. We already have an absolute finite limit to our productive agricultural land and this must be preserved for our future viability.

There is strong opposition from the local community which has been publicly demonstrated including in our legal system.

In addition our family is highly concerned about our future, due to the dangerous and damaging effects of climate change occurring now regularly in our state, country and worldwide with unprecedented fires, drought and other climatic related events. We accept the science of experts who state that we must stop new coal mines to preserve our future.

Therefore we strongly urge you to to so and reject this insupportable proposal.

Yours sincerely

J N Cuthbertson

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**From:** [Gillian](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Submission regarding Bylong Valley Coal Mining Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:21:14 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam

I have tried many times to call your phone number 93832100 this morning. It appears no one is taking calls as the phone rings out.

I wish to state my objection to the above mine going ahead because of,

\* In the view of the IPCC recent report the world is heading towards catastrophe caused mainly by the burning of fossil fuels and land clearing, as well as other mainly man made activity.

\* I am a great admirer of Peter Andrews who was forced to leave his property. He showed the way to a successful new method of saving water, preventing erosion and being kind to the land.

\* I have heard farmers from the area speak passionately about their love of their farms and their fears of enforced take over of their land.

\* I have also listened to economists and scientists who believe coal is on the way out and will be replaced by renewables.

\* I believe this mine is just a short term grab for money.

\* I fear for the well being of my grandchildren and their future in a heating planet and the weather events which are at record level now and which will become worse.

I urge you to reject the licence for this mine.

I would appreciate a reply and also an answer as to why you did not answer your phone this morning. There was not even a voice message.

Sincerely

Mrs Gillian Lord



Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Anne :-](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** The Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:55:21 AM

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Good morning

I am writing to the Planning Commission to voice my opposition to the proposed mine in the Bylong Valley.

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism. A coal mine here will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage. The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection. A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Sincerely

Anne Collins

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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**From:** [Suraya Coorey](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal mine proposal - My opposition  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 4:13:33 PM

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**Attention: The New South Wales Independent Planning Commission**

I wish to register my objection to the proposal Bylong coal mine that you are currently cogitating on in terms of reaching a decision as to whether it should go ahead or not.


What is at risk here is a beautiful valley that has never been subject to mining in the past. If this disastrous mine should go ahead, it will irreversibly alter the valley and move the valley away from its traditional industries of agriculture and tourism.

As a venture in itself, this proposed coal mine will cause ten metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer. There are strong doubts as to whether the river can withstand this damage. As well, the living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, which is home to the Natural Sequence Farming method will suffer severe groundwater drawdown. This will put at risk this iconic and essential agricultural templar.

A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

**What is needed is state heritage protection for this spectacularly beautiful landscape and not another coal mine.**

Yours sincerely,  
Suraya Coorey



**From:** [Glenn Barry](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine Proposal: Please Do Not Proceed with This Folly  
**Date:** Tuesday, 18 December 2018 4:07:32 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Glenn Barry

**From:** [Tom Veevers](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mining proposal - please do not proceed with this folly  
**Date:** Tuesday, 18 December 2018 8:34:19 PM

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Yours Sincerely,

Tom Veevers

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Philip Bell](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Mine proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, 18 December 2018 4:14:22 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a New South Wales resident with family living in the Hunter Valley region. I am also an ardent bushwalker in the Blue Mountains National Park, a World Heritage Area.

I am very concerned that the proposed Bylong mine would seriously damage air quality in the region, alienate farmland in this pristine valley, pollute underground water, and scar the landscape irreparably. And it is unjustifiable on economic grounds! Renewable sources of energy are already surpassing fossil fuels.

More globally, the increased CO2 emissions from burnt coal extracted from this proposed mine would count against Australia's attempts to reduce the rate of global warming. As a grandparent I find this prospect deeply worrying.

I urge the Commissioners to reject this proposal in the interests of future Australian citizens.

(Dr) Philip Bell

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**From:** [Jennifer Gray](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 3:21:28 PM

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NSW Planning Commissioner.

Dear Commissioner,

I have been very concerned about the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley, that you are currently considering.

Two weeks ago I visited the Bylong Valley and saw for myself its spectacular geography and landscape and its intimate proximity to the World Heritage listed Wollemi National Park and the Goulburn River National Park.

I ask you not to approve the coal mine for the following reasons.

The Bylong Valley links these two national parks and is an outstanding landscape itself. Large scale industrial mining activity puts these two parks at risk of ecological damage.

The Bylong Valley has never been mined before. Coal mines would completely destroy the beautiful valley itself, thus eliminating the agricultural industry and tourist industry. There is the risk that the Bylong River would be depleted.

There is great potential for tourism as an alternative industry to coal mining in the valley. It is one of the few east-west roads across the Divide, it has multiple points of access to the two national parks, more vineyards and horse studs could be established as well as holiday accommodation. If the valley becomes a series of coal mines the tourism potential is eliminated.

I ask that you reject this coal mine and declare the Bylong Valley a State Heritage Area and protect it from all mining,

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Gray

**From:** [Deborah Cooke](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Bylong Valley Coal Mine Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 3:00:06 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I would like to register my opposition to the Bylong Valley Coal Mine. I live close to Rylstone and I travel to and through the Bylong Valley over the course of every year. The Valley is spectacular; it produces food, it is biodiverse, it is a welcome relief from the ravaged landscapes of the Upper Hunter which open cut coal mining has altered beyond recognition.

I don't need to detail the scientific evidence nor detail the many scientific bodies including the IPCC that have warned against failing to phase out the burning of fossil fuels in order to prevent dangerous climate change. School aged children understand the urgent need for this. Our policy makers don't.

During my tertiary studies in Environmental Management, the method of Natural Sequence Farming developed at Tarwyn Park was held up as an example of best practice in soil sustainability and management. The dust storms we have experienced here and further west this past week are surely an indicator that we need more and urgent R&D into methods such as NSF to conserve our soils. To mine the heart of this location where such progressive and innovative work took place would be a very sad indictment on our attitude to the sustainability of our food producing landscapes.

I am heartened by the establishment of large scale renewable energy projects in the Midwestern Regional Council LGA such as the Crudine Wind Farm and the Beryl Solar Farm west of Gulgong. While Australia begins its transition away from fossil fuels to renewables to power its domestic energy market it would seem sensible and beneficial that renewable technology transfer to overseas countries such as South Korea also occurs. By mining our farmland and causing irreversible damage to our landscapes, waterways and biodiversity we are also exporting climate change. I fail to see who is the winner here.

It is my sincere wish that wisdom prevails in this decision, that community concerns which are echoed in the wider collective voice across Australia are heard and that the courage to break with antiquated approaches to energy generation is expressed.

Regards

Deborah


**From:** [Duane Norris](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Say No to KEPCO.  
**Date:** Saturday, 15 December 2018 9:19:52 AM

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To Planning Commission

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- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
- The approval of a mine in Bylong will put at jeopardy Australia's farming future because of the worlds foremost example of sustainable farming developed here by Peter Andrews OAM. The \$\$ value of this far outweighs any income from coal.

Warm Regards

Duane Norris  


Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Belong valley proposed mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:44:53 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

Please consider the following when making your decision:

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Kind Regards,  
Bob Doyle  
( resident of the Central Coast)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:43:24 AM

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- To Planning Authority.I submit the following points in opposition to the proposed Bylong coal mine.

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Yours Sincerely

Bill Harvey  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:27:59 PM

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As a farmer really concerned about country's future and food production, I strongly oppose the Bylong Valley mining project. Please don't allow it to proceed. Remember Rachel Carson's Silent Spring and the Franklin river. We can survive and will survive without this damaging mining income on our bottom line.

Kind regards,  
Alison Bencke

Alison Bencke

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Christmas  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 7:40:18 AM

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My name is Jean Ellis, I live at Glengarry, Gorries Lane, Goolma, 2852 and I am writing to tell you how opposed I am to the proposed mining in the Bylong Valley. We used the road through Bylong frequently when my daughter's family lived at Widden – it is the most breathtakingly beautiful vista which unfolds before you as you take the winding road down: that privilege alone is something which should not be desecrated, but there are even more pressing reasons why this mine development should not proceed.

As someone who lived at Wilpingjong, literally in Bungulla Homestead, before the mines there moved in, I have seen how the piece of paradise turns to industrialised devastation at first hand. Underground water is threatened nearby at the iconic Drip Gorge by mine expansion, with no thought for the future of anything except profits. The aquifer at Bylong is in similar peril. Once the damage is done, ***it is irrevocable***. I can't believe that the mining concerns involved, massive and offshore though they frequently are, don't realise the damage they are doing: I can only conclude that they just don't care, as long as they safeguard the shareholders' profits and keep their own jobs.

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Let's wake up to ourselves, draw the line in the sand and stop being the fall guy for those who have already raped and pillaged their own nations and need fresh meat. **We don't need them!**

Yours sincerely,

Jean Ellis



From: [REDACTED]  
To: [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
Subject: Bylong Christmas  
Date: Thursday, 13 December 2018 7:42:56 AM

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Jean Ellis

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine - KEPCO  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 1:19:07 PM

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The Commissioners  
Independent Planning Commission  
New South Wales

Dear Commissioners

Bylong Coal Mine - KEPCO

Building new coal mines or coal-fired power plants in 2019 and beyond is a highly irresponsible action because the world needs to urgently reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere. The October 2018 IPCC report strongly indicates the very serious dangers to the world, and to all life on earth, unless emissions are reduced to zero by 2050 from the present level of 45 gigatonnes per annum. "We're almost out of time: The alarming IPCC climate report and what to do next" is an October 2018 Brookings comment explaining the IPCC report. See <https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/were-almost-out-of-time-the-alarming-ipcc-climate-report-and-what-to-do-next/>.

This is why all countries need to urgently develop plans to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 deg C. The non-negotiable requirement is for the world to immediately transition away from coal and oil to LNG, nuclear, solar, wind, biomass and other renewable sources of energy. Coal workers need to be retrained to work in other energy industries. What is lacking in Australia is political leadership, which you could provide by making the right decision on Bylong coal mining. Industry (other than coal) is ready and willing to make these transitions. For example please consider what is going to happen to steelmaking in Whyalla. It will be predominantly powered by solar energy.

The Australian community is not supporting the Bylong Coal Mine either. I understand that "The development application and environmental impact statement were placed on public exhibition in 2015 and received 364 submissions, of which 336 opposed the project". If you give final approval to develop coal mining at Bylong, the Australian community, IPC, and the NSW Govt will regret the decision within 10 years, but it will, of course, be too late to stop KEPCO from continuing to add to the global catastrophe. I hope you are still IPC Commissioners, and if so, you will have the opportunity to regret., unless you take action now.

If you cannot deliver a recommendation to deny approval for coal mining at Bylong, the wise and honourable thing to do is to resign en masse stating the reason you are doing it. You will then forever be remembered with admiration and gratitude. You will be Australian heroes to future generations.

Can you not hear the anguish and rage of our grandchildren as they confront extreme wildfires, droughts, heatwaves, floods, storms, hurricanes, cyclones, storm-surges and sea-level-rise? They will also confront unstoppable mass-migration of people in the most affected countries desperately on the march for a better place, disputes and wars over declining water resources and food, and public health crises arising from increased vector-borne disease.

You need to take a stand now against Bylong coal mining because it is the very core of the

problem and the solution. Approval is the problem, disapproval is the solution, at least in part. It would be a very good beginning.

I have also written to the Premier of NSW, her office has referred my letter to the Hon Donald Harwin, the Minister for Energy and Utilities.

Yours sincerely

Satis Arnold  
Director



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine objection  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:17:21 PM

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Hello

I wish to register my objection to the Bylong Valley Coal Mine.

I am a regular visitor to the area and know it as beautiful landscape adjacent to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. It is an inappropriate place for a coal mine and it is inappropriate for the NSW government to approve yet another coal mine when the rest of the world is moving away from coal, and moving towards global warming at a concerning rate.

This mine is not in the public interest.

Gabi  
Captains Flat  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:12:47 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you today to lodge my opposition to the proposed coal mine in the Bylong valley.

I really find it astonishing that in 2018 we are still considering mining coal, it beggars belief. Coal is the most polluting fossil fuel in the world and only burns at 30% efficiency, not to mention the toxic oxides it belches into the atmosphere.

I do not want my child to grow up in a world where we destroy our environment for short term monetary and political gain.

It is time to stop this destructive practice and source energy from renewable zero emission sources.

The Bylong valley in particular is the home of Peter Andrews' property "Tarwyn Park" which is a shining light in the environmental area of living laboratories. This man shows us what we all should be doing in terms of living within, and nurturing our environment. A project of which he has dedicated a majority of his life in. And what ? all to be torn apart by a dirty pollution causing coal mine..

If you want to mine something , why not gas , it burns at 90% efficiency with next to no pollution.

Please consider the natural environment and its' needs rather than that of greedy multi national corporations.

Yours sincerely

Peter Reid

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:33:58 PM

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NSW Planning Commission

Dear Members of the Commission

I object to approval of this mine.

Despite a fest talk of environmental legislation, since the end of the 1960s, this objection is at a time of a very polluted world, as 7bln people seek the benefits of power.

In this era, there has been a proliferation of disorders and, often at much earlier ages, cancers. People are "chemical vessels", pointing to an undisturbed environment as essential.

Running Australia on solar, wind and storage means self-sufficiency and livelihoods for many. Capital is tied up in the coal, and as Australia has never sought a commercial return for mining, there is a smaller risk to the economy in ending coal.

It is now time to go as lightly, cleanly and as efficiently as possible. From exploration to use, coal is filthy, cumbersome, and pillaging.

Thank you for your time,

Yours sincerely

Graeme Tychsen

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:06:47 PM

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please do not allow the coal mine at bylong to go ahead we need less mines we need more.renewable energy.give the people of bylong a christmas present and BLOCK THIS MINE happy christmas to you all help make it happy for all of us from paul reynolds 5  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [u](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:29:02 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Your Commission has the opportunity to do something very BIG, and that is, throw out the application to mine coal in the Bylong Valley.

Somewhere, sometime, a line has to be drawn in the sand between the present and the future.

You've got the chance to do it, now.

May God go with you if you can bring yourselves to stand firm, withstand the pressures from those greedy moneygrubbers. They are crooks. To hell with them.

Kel Cowling  
North Sydney



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:07:51 PM

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Dear Sir/Mme,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

I feel this way because of the existential threat caused by climate change and the effect coal mining has on this and also because this

area is of outstanding natural beauty - One needs to drive through it to appreciate this point.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr Lindsay Marsh

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Mining proposed  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:48:45 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I wish to advise that I am strongly opposed to the mining of coal in the Bylong Valley.

Please vote to prevent mining in Bylong Valley so that we can preserve this land in its current state.

Thank you

Neil Robins

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:13:50 PM

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NSW Planning Commission.

I wish to lodge my objection to the Bylong Coal Project. Apart from the very obvious reasons being that agriculture (food production) and water (our most precious resource) are threatened, there is a much more serious reason to not approve this project.

Recent serious claims have been made about corruption within Planning. There should be no approval granted until a thorough investigation of Department of Planning is conducted.

People of NSW are entitled to demand this investigation. How many approvals have been granted where corruption of process has contributed to the final approval. How much agricultural land and groundwater has been sacrificed that should not have been.

**No more approvals until Dept. of Planning is investigated. People of NSW must have complete faith in the approval process for mining and coal seam gas projects.**

Robyn King  
Mullaley

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] [.Mailbox](#)  
**Date:** Bylong coal project  
Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:36:28 PM

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Comissioner,

I would like it to be known to you my strongest objection to the Bylong coal project on the grounds that the valley has never Been subject to mining before and that it will forever change the valley.

Also that it will cause a minimum 10m draw down of the bylong river ground water aquifer.

This spectacularly beautiful valley must be protected.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards  
Aaron Park

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:34:00 PM

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Hello, I'm writing to you in the hope you will put a stop to the Bylong coal project.

Coal mining will irreversibly change this beautiful Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism and will greatly affect the groundwater aquifer, and we all know that there are major doubts whether it can withstand this change. Bylong is also the home of Tarwyn Park Natural Sequence Farming which has provided such insight of very successful farming methods - without the use of chemicals, this could be a huge solution to the incredible costs farmers face when they resort to chemical farming and if coal goes ahead, there is certainly the risk of losing this iconic exemplar.

I hope, so many of us hope, that NSW could lead the way with renewable energy, it is the obvious way of the future, I cannot understand how we are still having these archaic conversations about coal when it is very clear what is happening around the world. And if bizarrely you don't believe in climate change, then what about the benefits of people's health, coal has been proven to affect health, Singleton has one of the highest cancer rates and we know how they are immersed in coal. There is constantly the economic defense when this conversation arises and we can talk in circles about it but the bottom line is we can't eat coal and we have a perfectly great solution. It is absurd that we are not relishing it.

- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection and a mine in the valley will also mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Can we please start being leaders in this crucial area of environment and health, we as a state and a country are dragging the chain.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,  
K.Barton  
Sydney, NSW

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:13:42 PM

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Dear NSW Planning Commission

I am surprised the Bylong Coal project is still on the agenda. It is a beautiful area, right next to the Blue Mountains national park. I believe that the groundwater would be threatened by the coal mine, and this is reason enough to say no to a coal mine in this terrible drought. In addition, the agricultural land will be ruined and we are losing too much of that already with cities gobbling up farms all the time.

Coal is the energy of the past. Now renewables are cheaper and even big companies, and energy companies, are putting in renewables in preference to using grid energy and digging new coal mines !

I am delighted that the Hume coal mine has just been rejected. Why it ever came up for consideration is beyond me as it encroached on Sydney's drinking water.

I hope you make the decision to reject this proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley as well, as there doesn't seem to be any good reason to approve it, but there are many reasons to reject it.

Regards

Veronica Stephenson

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong coal project.  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:02:13 AM

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Dear members of the Independent Planning Commission,

**Please reject** the Government backed KEPCO proposal to mine coal in the Bylong Valley.

The world's leading climate scientists have only this week warned that Australia is not doing enough to avoid dangerous climate impacts, with a significant reduction in coal consumption needed over the next decade. This is an opportunity to reverse that trend. It is not good enough to approve the revised proposal, just because it is said to be 'approvable'.

This project will impact on water and agricultural resources in the valley and lead to a fundamental shift in the valley in favour of mining over agriculture and water security on which agriculture depends.

We must take very opportunity to husband our agricultural and water resources, not jeopardise them on the **continuing myth** that co-existence and rehabilitation is possible - which is how I'd describe KEPCOs commitment to restoring at least 400 hectares of highest quality agricultural soil land after the project - a myth in the making.

We have what we need for our future, which is why we need to **export 'renewables'** to developing countries **not coal**.

The historic Tarwyn Park property must remain an integral part of an agricultural community. The Department's plan would relegate to it being a museum piece. Again, we have things back to front! It is coal that is the museum piece.

I support the Lock the Gate Alliance's assessment that "Not only will this mine put the climate at risk, but new research shows it will take South Korean mining giant KEPCO one step closer to destroying a magnificent valley with state significant heritage values."

IT must not happen. Let the people be heard. Because we're way ahead of the government on this!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kardell

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Beecroft NSW

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
Subject: Bylong Coal Project  
Date: Friday, 14 December 2018 2:59:41 PM

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Dear  
Commissioners

I live in Sydney and like Kepco executives, shareholders and any prospective FIFO workers, have no direct connection with the Bylong Valley. I am very much with the Bylong community's fight against a coal mine because all Australians are liable to face encroachments that are very hard to fight, and we all should stand together, wherever we live. I love visiting the Mudge area and the drive back south of Denman has very sad landscapes, ruined by coal mines.

## **Global Warming**

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Bylong Coal Project anticipates a 25 year life, more than twice the period of time in which nations round the world have to make any meaningful reduction in CO2 emissions to risking a 2 degree increase in global temperature. How can fewer than 900 short term jobs justify escalating repercussions to global climate systems, such as sea level rise, droughts, floods, out-of-control bush fires, cyclones/tornadoes, ocean acidification, coral bleaching, depleted fisheries, plant and animal extinctions, worsening population displacements, water shortages and water conflicts. These and other outcomes are already general knowledge. Reminders such this one turn my stomach and I would think yours. It's very annoying to be mentioning it and it would be nice to not take them into consideration as many people, including politicians, do. To adequately fulfil your duties you really must.

## **We need coal?**

The

argument is put that the more coal the better, coal is needed well into the future. What I know about human beings is we make do, and nothing motivates change for the better than dire necessity. We all know this within ourselves, from our own life experiences, and it is



true at the macro level as well. There is another aspect, that we are living with a major revolution. Changes we cannot imagine occur within years let alone decades. Could the Bylong Coal project actually have a 25 year life? Could it become a stranded asset, a shameful repulsive hole?

## **Beauty**

There's much excitement about "living" on Mars, even greater enthusiasm for tree change. This disparity spells out the essential contest of interests regarding the Bylong Valley. Beauty v's totally destroyed and hideous landscape. Long-term, a void that impedes movement, a permanent detour and disgusting legacy that turns what would otherwise be surface water into polluted groundwater that pollutes wherever it seeps through to, in particular for Bylong, the Bylong River.

## **Ground water**

Not only do coal mines pollute groundwater but there's the prospect of a 10 metre drawdown of groundwater for the district, including the remarkable Tarwyn Park. Come droughts the coal mine would relentlessly draw from the groundwater supply. No water allocation adjustment for mines! What effects might underground mining have on subsidence and surface cracks? Dried up creeks?

## **Noise air pollution and cracking**

These factors have effects long after the mine's life. It goes to the question, for what purpose? Negative health impacts, quality of life, repair costs to damaged buildings from blasting and disputes over who's responsible. The coal industry has a disappointing reputation regarding these considerations.

## **Displaced population**

The argument for jobs at coal mines should be seen in the light of

long-term residents moving out of the district, lost work opportunities in farm production and tourism, the losses to local township and social life, and FIFO workers who have no enduring interest in the area.

### **Biodiversity offset**

This is a total nonsensicality. An offset only has meaning in the case of a site that has no natural biodiversity value, that can be easily replicated nearby for mainly human amenity. Natural ecosystems cannot be created. Nice looking natural areas can be grown but the original biodiversity can't. The seven natural ecosystems designated as an offsets are already fulfilling their role for environmental health, cannot possibly compensate for losses to another area's destruction, and would be very likely adversely affected themselves by, in this case, the destruction of the critically endangered White Box-Yellow Box/Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland ecological community.

### **Aboriginal heritage**

We are learning to listen to Aboriginal people who retain traditional skills and knowledge. I believe the amorality of fixing on the financial bottom line must be lost to the Aboriginal perspective, treading lightly on the earth. The following are well worth reading.

<https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/2018/12/08/indigenous-fire-educator-victor-steffensen/15441876007232>

Aboriginal  
biocultural Knowledge in South-Eastern Australia: perspectives of  
early colonists. Editors: Fred Cahir and Ian D. Clarke

### **Conclusion**

I very much hope you will decide in favour of a healthy,  
prosperous,

rich Bylong society and environment, and recommend the Bylong Coal project be rejected.

Jim  
Morris

[REDACTED]

Park 2193

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] [.Mailbox](#)  
**Date:** Sunday, 16 December 2018 3:10:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [KRaison\\_Bylong.docx](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached my letter of concerns regarding the Bylong coal project application currently under consideration.

Please pass this on to the IPC panel members and let me know the outcome.

Kind regards,  
Kel Raison

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylong Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:19:40 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to express our total opposition to the mining of the Bylong Valley.

We have more than enough coal, and less and less untouched and undegraded farming land for our children to inherit and value. Obviously some developers will never have enough profits, though, so it is up to our government institutions to protect the citizens of NSW, both current and yet to be born, from their greed.

Please reject this mine.

Kind regards,

Gail & Richard Kerr

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 5:29:48 PM

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I wish to submit my objection to the Bylong project. I have many objections but my main objection is the impact the mine will have on water (surface and ground) and the quality of the water that is discharged from the mine.

As the Commission is aware NSW is in a state of drought. No-one knows how long this drought will last and mines are large consumers of water. Underground mines need vast amounts of water to reduce the risk of fires and explosions. Water is needed to keep the dust down, to push the coal along pipes etc. Each tonne of coal requires 250 litres of fresh water which is about a quarter of the total volume needed, the rest is recirculated (when using best practice which is problematic due to costs). Additionally, the problem with the recycled water is the very high mineral salt levels which when discharged is toxic to biota in the environment. Kepca Bylong suggest the mine will produce 423 million tonnes of coal.

The DPI Groundwater Assessment Report for the Bylong Project suggests there are too many variables for this project to be given the all clear.

([https://drive.google.com/file/d/10iW5JFm6\\_lxbu5Olz21jRzm2wZsbVcv8/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10iW5JFm6_lxbu5Olz21jRzm2wZsbVcv8/view)).

The Bylong project long-wall tunnelling will undoubtedly damage the river bed disrupting much needed water flows down stream to agricultural businesses and farming communities. This process has been seen at the Peabody mine north of the Illawarra, where the Cataract River drains away at Appin, releasing methane through the cracks in the dry subsided river bed.

We live in a dry continent where water is our vital resource. Without water connectivity due to the mine the surrounding World Heritage wilderness areas and the farm communities will struggle to survive in an ever drying continent.

Please reject this Bylong Project.

Yours faithfully

Gillian McElroy  
(B.Ecology)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong project  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 3:32:35 PM

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Hi

Could you please stop mining fossil fuels. We have fantastic technology now and can support coal miners to move into other job opportunities.

Work is the fundamental source of value added. Its the only thing that can transform the material we harvest from nature (SUSTAINABLY) into the full range of goods and services we need to live a full life. Not just TV's and throw away plastic junk but food, clothing and shelter; education and health care; entertainment, culture, and community. IT ALL TAKES WORK

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong proposed coal mine by Cabco  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:43:07 AM

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Commissioners,

We are shocked to think that the NSW government would consider allowing a new coal mine in the Bylong Valley and, based on the issues set out below, call on your commission to strongly recommend that it should not happen.

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.

The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage

The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.

A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

We trust that as an independent commission, you will use these points to make a strong case against proceeding with coal mining in the Bylong Valley.

Sincerely,

Dr Eric van Beurden

Lismore Heights

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCEN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley - Proposed Coal Mine.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:22:17 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

It is imperative, for the sake of the next generation and all those to come, that we stop developing any more fossil fuel projects.

In a comment published in [Nature](#) on 5 December, Yangyang Xu, Veerabhadran Ramanathan and David G. Victor say that the 1.5°C global warming threshold will occur around a decade earlier than projected by the IPCC, around 2030, with Earth hitting 2°C by mid-2040s (Figure 3).

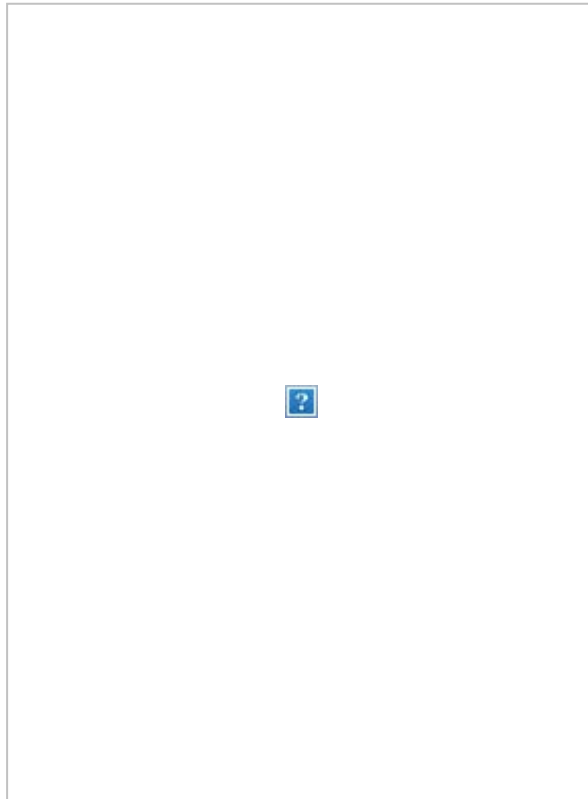


Figure 3

This accelerated warming was discussed by RenewEconomy in April this year, as [1.5°C of warming is closer than we imagine, just a decade away.](#)

We do not need any more fossil fuels, we can transition to 100% renewable energy, which will be cheaper into the bargain.

Apart from the affects on our climate, worldwide, the local effects on the Bylong valley would be catastrophic:

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- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will also mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Yours sincerely,

Richard Stanford

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] [.Mailbox](#)  
**Date:** Bylong Valley  
Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:10:34 PM

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To Mr Gordon Kirkby,  
My name is Frances Hugo  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Heights  
2291

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the possible mining and destruction of another beautiful and pristine place. The Bylong Valley, I hope your decision is to not approve the mining.  
Thanking you  
Frances Hugo

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 5:31:25 PM

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Attention the Commissioner

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my opposition to the mining proposal in the Bylong valley .

Australia is mostly desertic land, our fertile agricultural is limited and precious . Whilst mining provides jobs , we need to balance economic benefits with our long term food security and sustainability.

Whist numerous mines in the arid outback are acceptable , it is totally inappropriate to destroy or seriously damage our food bowl and beautiful green valleys for the sake of just another mine.

Corporations which goals are only expansion and profits, have no limits and not concerned by ethics , these need to be checked by our institutions,

As citizens we rely on our government to protect our land and long term future, Bylong Valley has numerous benefits , (agricultural and water supply, ) it needs to be preserved for the present and next generations .

Please reject this mine proposal .

Sincerely

Chantal Dray

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley / objection to mining there  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:59:13 PM

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Dear Gordon,

I would like to lodge my strongest objection to the proposed coal mining in the Bylong Valley. As a resident of the already ruined Hunter Valley and a frequent traveller along the Bylong Valley from my home near Sandy Hollow to my daughter's home at Lue I cannot believe our government could consider spoiling forever another beautiful valley.

I know that you will have listened to many persuasive arguments on both sides, and heard evidence from numerous experts. However it falls to you and your fellow commissioners to make the final decision. I urge you to not allow this mine to go ahead, to preserve this beautiful and productive valley for now and for future generations to come. It really does come down to you and your fellow commissioners to do the right thing and not add to climate change and leave a poorer earth for our Grandchildren and all future generations. It is time someone on the IPC is brave enough to stop this madness, there is enough devastation of the environment already happening in NSW from already approved operations please don't add another.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

Margot White.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** BYLONG Valley Coal for Korea  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:46:44 AM

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I am writing to voice my total opposition to this project.

I wonder if anyone who has approved this mine has actually set foot in that valley, and wonder, if so, how can they possibly even contemplate its destruction.

Yours, with very little hope for the future

AUDREY McLean  
Lismore 2480

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:58:52 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I wish to add my voice to that of the many people who have no doubt already contacted you to urge the Planning Commission to reject the coal mine project.

Although we live in Sydney we owned a small farm in the Hunter Valley for 30 years, and were greatly distressed by the damage to the environment done by extensive coal mining in the area.

The Bylong Valley is a beautiful place, adjacent to World Heritage listed areas and home to sustainable farms.

The likely damage to groundwater aquifers is of particular great concern.

Please listen to the community and reject this dangerous project, for the sake of Australia's future generations.

Judith Ohana OAM

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong valley coal mine application  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:44:35 PM

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Please record my opposition to the establishment of coal mines in this agricultural valley.

The risk to groundwater for agricultural purposes is high, as all mines threaten this essential resource.

Not to mention the growing concern in the world about use of fossil fuels !!!

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely

Kay Wilson



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine Extension  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:35:09 AM

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To the Planning Commission

As the Commission's final determination is due shortly, I urge all concerned to take note of all the objections to the KEPCO expansion proposal and finally deny the miners from further destruction of the once glorious but still beautiful Bylong Valley. The proposal which includes the plan to mine beneath Tarwyn Park, which is the crucible of Natural Sequence Farming will be disastrous. Please let the Bylong Valley flourish as a farming community, as it once did. Coal mining is coming to an end. Solar is the way to go for the near future at least. Do not allow this company to export pollution in Australia's name.

Thank you,  
Irene Wheatley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:30:16 PM

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I would like to register my objection to the coal mine in the Bylong valley, as it will take valuable ground water and destroy valuable agricultural land.

Regards,

***Reg Holmes***



[REDACTED] [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:35:29 PM

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Dear Sir,

My name is Kent Robinson. I live in Bathurst NSW and I would like to make clear to the Commissioner considering the go ahead for the Bylong Valley Coal Mine that I strenuously oppose said project.

regards,

Kent Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:47:32 AM

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Please record my opposition to any new coal mine in Australia.

Arguments against the BYLONG coal mine:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Klaas Woldring, Ph.D.

A/Prof SCU.

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**Governance system change books by Klaas Woldring**

*YES, we can .....rewrite the Australian Constitution*, BookPod/Amazon, 2018  
*Beyond Federation – Options to renew Australia’s 1901 Constitution*, BookPod/Amazon, 2015 (Man. Editor)  
*Australia Reconstructed*, eBookPod/Amazon, 2013  
*How about OUR Republic?* BookPod/Amazon, 2006  
*Australia - Republic or US Colony?* Lulu, 2005

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 10:31:33 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am calling on you to reject the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

There are several important reasons for rejection:

- We have alternatives to the coal that would be mined - it is not necessary.
- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Thank you for the opportunity to have input on this vital matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Clarke

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:27:26 PM

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Commissioners  
IPC

Dear Commissioners,

I write to voice my real concerns about the above project and in fact wish to express my desire that it not be approved or proceed. My reasons are:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining would irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- More coal mines is anathema to current local, national and international science and community thinking.
- The coal mine would cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer. There are doubts whether it can withstand this damage so I invoke the Precautionary Principle: if there is a risk, do not act.
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, would suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley would mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- Lines on a map do not diminish impacts from activities in neighbouring areas, i.e. World Heritage environment would not be immune to coal mining in adjacent non heritage areas.

Please act for the community and planet rather than for private corporate profit, regardless of some jobs being offered.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Payten

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



I wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of the Bega Valley Shire

- the people of the Yuin nation - and pay my respect to elders past, present and emerging.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 12:33:55 AM

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I would like to register my objection to the coal mine, as it will take valuable ground water from the aquifer and destroy valuable agriculture.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley coal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:02:40 PM

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I am registering my strong opposition to any new coal mines in the. Bylong Valley. Issues of water, destruction of prime agricultural land, global climate change and ecological destruction are some of my objections. We don't need it. Keep it in the ground. It won't go off. There seems to be undue haste here.  
Jim Levy

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Coal  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 2:54:21 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand the NSW Planning Commission is due to make a decision regarding a coal mine in the Bylong Valley.

I do not live in this area but have travelled through and know it is an area of beauty which would be irreversibly damaged by a coal mine.

The issue of Global Warming is well documented so sufficient to say I oppose another mine being opened up in NSW.

I feel more important is the issue that the area will be negatively impacted visually, the impact on agriculture and most importantly the effect of draw down on the Bylong River groundwater aquifer.

Please pass on my objection to the Commissioner in charge of this case.

Yours Sincerely

Margaret Nowlan

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley mine objection  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 4:22:19 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I write to express my concerns as a resident of NSW about the proposed Bylong Valley mine.

I am familiar with the villages and farming communities growing our food on the some of the best soils in NSW along the scenic Bylong Way, surrounded by the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Area and Gouburn River National Park.

If approved, the mine will destroy prime farmland and water resources when the coal beneath is dug up and removed. And when that coal is burned it will contribute to the consequences of human induced climate change that we can already see is responsible for extreme heat, fire, flood events, sea level rise and a growing rate of extinctions.

The recent IPCC report has clearly shown that the world must stop extracting and burning coal as a matter of extreme urgency to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Warm regards,

Robert Garnsey  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Mine.  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:30:18 AM

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Please, please, please do not let the mine at Bylong proceed.

Destroying such beautiful, rich farming area for short term profit ( = greed) would be yet another blight on the government's record of not listening to the people whom they are supposed to 'govern', support and consult.

Thank you.

Narelle Oldham.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 9:18:34 PM

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Dear Decision Makers

I sign many petitions but write few direct emails. I consider this important enough to go the extra.

The Bylong Valley is an extraordinary place. Beautiful, natural but supplying large quantities of food compared to some other areas. This is because it is also a fertile area for food, cattle or dairy.

A mine here would not only heavily impinge on production in these areas but would eliminate one of the most beautiful areas of our nation.

My working life has involved driving the Hunter Valley since the mid 80's. This has changed from a joy to being an unpleasant experience. Muswellbrook area is like a war zone or worse. Golden Highway needs a new name.

Please don't let this pristine valley be lost to us and those who follow. Do the sums or read the tea leaves of coals reduced need and work out the truly right thing to do.

Don't leave our kids and grandkids wondering why the holes in the ground are all we left them.

Hoping  
Glenn Turton

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 1:45:02 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to voice my concern about the proposed mine in the Belong Valley. The UN has released a report that warns of significant global climate consequences unless carbon emissions are cut to zero by 2050. The approval of this coal mine is in direct opposition to what the UN and scientists are recommending.

The mine is being touted as a boon to local employment, however when the development application and environmental impact statement were placed on public exhibition in 2015 and received 364 submissions, of which 336 opposed the project. The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism. The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage, droughts are becoming more common and lasting much longer than they have in the past and this is directly attributable to climate change and warming, which is being exacerbated by carbon emissions. We need to find cleaner ways to generate power, coal is a fuel of the past not the future.

Another loss in this mining project will be the living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar. This is a testament to what we can do in the future to work with the environment and not against it. Tarwyn Park is an example of how we need to farm, not mine.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection, it is next to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and A mine in the valley will mar not only the World Heritage Area but our reputation as a forward thinking country.

Please rethink your approval of this mine and stand for a cleaner future for Australians.

Yours faithfully,

Megan Hyatt

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley mine/concerns  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 3:07:15 PM

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Dear Commissioners

I write to express my concern as a resident of NSW about the proposed Bylong Valley mine.

Knowing of the damage that has been done in the Hunter to air quality and pollution of underground water, I am concerned about the alienation of farmland in this beautiful valley which has never been mined before.

As a regular bushwalker in the Blue Mountains, I am also concerned about the impact of mine expansion on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

And of course I am very concerned about the impact of any new coal mining on greenhouse gas emissions, at a time when the recent IPCC report has clearly shown that the world must stop extracting and burning coal if we are to have any chance of keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees C.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Kind regards

Angela Michaelis  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley No Coal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 5:57:13 PM

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Please no coal mine in Bylong valley we must move to renewables like the rest of the world and industry (apart from coal industry) want.

Regards  
Caroline Lewis  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong valley proposed coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:20:13 PM

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Please do not approve the bylong valley coal mine. I cannot imagine how such a proposal has even got this far.  
Please stop it now. A coal mine in that valley will be seen as criminal by future generations.

Thankyou for your time.

Michael Shields

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley Proposed Mine  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 1:58:17 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

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The mine is being touted as a boon to local employment, however when the development application and environmental impact statement were placed on public exhibition in 2015 and received 364 submissions, of which 336 opposed the project.

The promise of employment associated with the proposals of this type of project rarely elaborate on who this employment and wealth is for, suggesting that it's somehow related to the local community, which is patently garbage.

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before, like many of the contested areas where huge foreign owned concerns plan to wreak havoc for the profit of a few elites. It seems insane that valuable and unrecoverable farmland close to major populations is being decimated at ever increasing rates.

Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism. The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage with droughts are becoming more common and lasting much longer than they have in the past, and this is directly attributable to climate change and warming, which is being exacerbated by carbon emissions. We need to find cleaner ways to generate power, coal is a fuel of the past, not the future.

Another loss in this mining project will be the living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar. This is a testament to what we can do in the future to work with the environment and not against it. Tarwyn Park is an example of how we need to farm, not mine.

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Please rethink your approval of this mine and stand for a cleaner future for Australians.

Yours faithfully,

ernie marton



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** BYLONG VALLEY SUBMISSION  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:42:48 AM  
**Attachments:** [Bylong Valley submission.docx](#)

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Bylong Valley

Please find my further submission on this critically important subject

Please confirm receipt

Thank you

Greg Roberts

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Elizabeth Vasta](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:27:17 AM

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Dear Members of the IPCN,

Please oppose a coalmine in the Bylong Valley.

Elizabeth Vasta

**From:** [Glen](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:28:44 PM

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Independent Planning Commission NSW

To whom it may concern.

I am hereby requesting that no approvals for above or below ground mining or gas extraction in the Bylong Valley be granted, on the grounds that this area is a prime agricultural zone still in pristine condition, which would be destroyed by any form of mining.

Once mining commences the land is no longer suitable for food production. Without food and safe water, the future enlarged population that is projected for Australia will struggle to survive without the importation of potentially polluted produce from overseas.

Food cannot be produced from a hole in the ground.

Please reject any application to disturb the Bylong Valley by any company, local or otherwise.

Glen Brindle 

**From:** [Jane Suranyi](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:15:55 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I wish to state my opposition to mining the Bylong Valley. The mine will draw down the water table to levels that may be unrecoverable. In the worst drought in living memory prioritising coal over water security is irresponsible. Not to mention the impact on adjacent World Heritage Areas. In the age of renewable energy why are you proposing to destroy prime agricultural land for income that from coal that could be had from agriculture and tourism to name a few.

Regards

Jane Suranyi Bsc

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 9:31:50 AM

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Dear Chair of Bylong Panel,

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.

This issue is very important to me, my friends in Sydney against coal mining and my parents in Dungog. For the following reasons, we object to this mine going ahead:

Coal mining is obviously stupid in the face of Climate Change - green power is the future.

THE DETAILS:

The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage.

A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar. The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.

Please take our objections into account.

*Best,*

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*Kassandra Bossell*  
118 Simmons St Enmore

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I pay my respects and acknowledgments to all Traditional Custodians on whose land I live, work and travel through.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** BYLONG VALLEY  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:43:58 PM

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Largest canyon in the world; wider han Colorado but not as deep. Beautiful part of the state and you want to vandalise it? Where will it end?

Sent from my Samsung Mobile on the Telstra Mobile Network

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** bylong valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 5:46:03 PM

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Please do not allow 'development' or mining of any kind in the Bylong Valley.

Stephen Langford mob. [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Bylong  
**Date:** Monday, 17 December 2018 9:38:55 AM

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Hello.

Coal Mines are always going to be contentious.

Despite contractual arrangements requiring the operator to rehabilitate the land at the end of the mine's work in life, this doesn't seem to happen.

That tract of prime farming land will never be the same once the mines have gone.

I oppose mining in the Bylong Valley.

Richard Narbutas

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bywong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:13:15 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in the hope that you will reject the Bywong Coal Mine proposal. We must use renewal energy, not fossil fuels at this point in history.

Yours sincerely

McComas Taylor

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Coal mine in Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:43:30 PM

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I am writing to register my sadness that you would be considering putting another Coal Mine in NSW in the Bylong Valley.

NSW would be committing more agricultural land to a Coal Mine that will be destructive for our planet.

If the panel have any Grand children, and any care for the environment we will be leaving them, it would be criminal to go ahead with this proposal.

The planet does not need more Coal to be dug up. We must leave it in the ground and find an alternative ways of which there are many.

I hope the panel will see reason and reject this proposal

Yours sincerely  
Tim Bell

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Coal mining in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:46:35 AM

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Dear IPC,

I am writing with regard to the decision that is to be made soon regarding coal mining in the Bylong Valley.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal on several grounds:

- mining in the Valley will unavoidably cause severe drawdown in the Bylong River aquifer as it has done elsewhere;
- it would cause irreparable damage to the existing sustainable pursuits of agriculture and tourism that are undertaken in the Valley;
- the Bylong valley is a magnificent and dramatic landscape that merits state heritage protection;
- coal mining in the Valley would be a blight on the nearby Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Please take these factors into consideration when making your decision regarding mining in this sensitive and spectacular location.

Yours faithfully,  
Riki Davidson

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Riki Davidson

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Coal mining should never take place in Bylong.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 7:04:22 PM

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Thank-you for the opportunity to oppose the Bylong Valley coal mining proposal. I wish to make the following points:

- 1). The beautiful Bylong Valley has never before been subjected to mining. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from Agriculture and Tourism.
- 2). The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer & there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage.
- 3). The Bylong Valley is a spectacular landscape that warrants State Heritage protection.

Sincerely,  
Lynette Trindall  
Winmalee

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[REDACTED] from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns over the Bylong Coal Mine - it should be stopped!  
**Date:** Sunday, 16 December 2018 12:45:57 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the planned Bylong coal mine as a concerned young person who plans on moving to the Bylong area next year.

I am extremely worried about moving to a region that accepts new coal mines, given that it would cause irreversible damage to already pressured water security, prime agricultural land, and tourism. I am also aware that new coal mines are also contributing to climate change. I would hope that the NSW government supports renewable energy projects ahead of dangerous new coal mines.

This area is significantly beautiful, and my hope is to move to this region to establish myself and one day raise a family there.

Please consider my concerns as the assessment for this coal mine continues.  
I look forward to hearing a response from you.

Kind regards,  
Maddy Braddon

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Do not approve the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:42:14 PM

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To the NSW Planning Commission:

- I urge you to reject plans for a coal mine in the Bylong Valley.
- A coal mine in the Bylong Valley will irreversibly change it for the worse and make a shift away from agriculture and tourism.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection. A mine in the Valley will be detrimental to the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- A coal mine in the Bylong Valley would draw on water in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer which is a precious resource in these drought prone times. Groundwater must not be sacrificed for short term gain.
- NSW Planning must reject any new coal mine applications in a time when we need to transition away from fossil fuels.
- All coal needs to stay in the ground.

Sincerely,  
Lindy Frazer

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Don't approve the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:22:34 AM

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Dear Planning commission

I am writing in my private capacity to say that the Bylong coal mine is a really bad idea. Please don't approve it. It will damage wildernes areas and we really don't need any more coal. I rang today and was told this email would be forwarded to the correct person. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Prue vines

**Professor Prue Vines** • Fellow Australian Academy of Law, Fellow Scientia Education Academy

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback regarding the proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:49:55 AM

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I do not agree with this proposal, and would like to register my opposition to it.

My main concern is the depletion of groundwater by around ten metres, and the consequent effects on neighbouring farmers. Other issues include the loss of a rural landscape that has never been subjected to coal mining, impacts on tourism, and close proximity to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Oliver  
Lismore



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bylong Valley Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:34:51 PM

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I would like to register my objection to the coal mine in the Bylong valley, as it will take valuable ground water and destroy valuable agricultural land.

Regards,

***Reg Holmes***

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [Terry O'Leary](#)  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Concerns about the Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:52:31 PM

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Please note and respond to my email I have sent to John Barilaro this afternoon.

Thank You  
Terry

Begin forwarded message:

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mine

Hello John

Last month I travelled through the beautiful Bylong Valley and was shocked to learn that a coal mine was planned for this area.

Bylong Valley is area of rare natural beauty and a highly productive agricultural area. I am a voter in the very marginal seat held by John Barilaro, any new coal mines in this area or Gloucester or Liverpool Plains would certainly influence how I will vote in the upcoming election.

New coal mines will damage our state, the environment and harm the health of the people of NSW. In particular special places like the Bylong Valley will be lost to future Australians by inappropriate developments like the proposed Bylong coal mine.

An effective and good government would place a moratorium on all new coal mines. I am happy to visit you John in your electoral office to discuss this matter further.

Thank You

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**From:** Microsoft Outlook on behalf of [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Missed Call  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 6:34:16 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** My Christmas wish!  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:53:14 AM

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Dear planners,

I have only one wish for Christmas: that THE BYLONG COAL MINE WON'T GO AHEAD!  
We are at a tipping point for Climate change. Listen to your conscience, not to the coal lobby.  
You owe it to future generations! Bylong is SO BEAUTIFUL. Please NO wrecking!  
I hope you can also have a great Christmas knowing you made the right decision for the planet.  
Best regards,  
Elisabeth Brasseur

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** My Opposition to fracking  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:32:48 AM

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Dear Sir/Ms

This email is to register my opposition to coal mining in the Bylong Valley  
As an Australian citizen and tax payer who votes I urge the government to cease all new coal  
mine approvals

Regards  
Greg Bowering

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No coal mine for Bylong  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:26:40 AM

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Please reject this ghastly project. You would have to be out of your minds to waste such a place for a coal mine.

Tracy Ellis

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No Coal Mine in Bylong Valley and Save Tarwyn Park  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 3:39:32 PM

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The coal mine proposed for Bylong Valley must not be allowed to go ahead.

When we know mining destroys aquifers and Australia is at huge danger of drying river systems, and heating and drying soil, this agricultural valley which has never been mined is the perfect demonstration site for all farmers to learn about Tarwyn Park Peter Andrew's Natural Sequence Farming method. (During a bad drought his proved to be the only remaining verdant farm in the valley due to his taking experimental measures to ensure moisture remained in the soil.)

Bylong valley, a beautiful landscape surrounded by the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage escarpment, of high spiritual value to the local indigenous Australians, is of continuing value for both farming for our food security and for tourism. It must not be destroyed. Tarwyn Park must not be lost (cf PA Yeoman's hydrological and keyline ploughing farm, Naralla, now lost to a housing estate).

Coal is a stranded asset. Do not destroy our food security for fossil fuel and ruination of the land.

Yours faithfully,

Keelah Lam

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No mines for the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:31:14 PM

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Dear NSW Planning Commission,

I oppose a Bylong coal mine in Tarwyn Park and the Bylong Valley.

I am a mother of three living in Sydney, and our family holidays in the Bylong Valley to enjoy the countryside and enjoy a rest from our busy city lives.

I agree with the following concerns that 'Lock the Gate' also have:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put this iconic agricultural exemplar at risk.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

These facts are deeply concerning to locals and tourists to the area like myself.

Another, even more important concern is the effect of mining and burning coal on global heating. I have no idea how the NSW planning commission can consider approving another coal mine when scientists have proved that this would make our climate worse. Do you have children or know someone who is a farmer?

Please record my name and address if you need this to record my opposition, but please don't publish my address online.

Regards,  
Greta Werner

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No to a coal mine in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:19:43 PM

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Dear Decision Makers,  
Please reject the coal mining proposal for the Bylong Valley.  
This development was tainted with corruption by Eddie Obied etc. and it still reeks of corruption.

The aesthetic and environmental damage makes this mining proposal not worth the short term minimal financial gains.

Also the IPCC report states that we urgently need to get out of fossil fuels or or children and grandchildren will inherit a nightmarish world. Who wants to do that to the innocent?

Renewables make sense and fossil fuels are going the way of the Dodo, hopefully before we do!!

Regards

Allen Shrimpton

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:08:21 PM

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Dear sir/madam,

I wish to record my objection to the Bylong coal mine going ahead.

Regards,

J. Madawala

From:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:13:14 PM

Date:

Attachments:

[Occurance under each climate state.png](#)

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Dear IPCN,

I would like you to record my strong objection to the Bylong Coal mine proposal.

It would be a travesty if this mine was allowed to proceed. Foremost amongst these reasons are:

- **Water.** The drawdown on aquifers is estimated to be 10 metres. Water is a finite resource. Coal mines have been allowed in NSW that are depleting water resources. We simply cannot allow this to continue.
- **The Bylong valley** is a valuable farming country. Farmland is a finite resource. We cannot allow the endless and cumulative degradation of farmland for coal mines.
- **Water Planning in relation to climate change.** I ask that the Planning Assessment Commission factor in how water systems can continue to support agriculture under the worsening impacts of climate change. A reasonable person would consider that if you fail to do this, you will be derelict in your duty of planning ahead.
- **Tarwyn Park** is a showcase of management of land for water conservation. If you allow the destruction of this unique, natural experiment, Australia will lose an important living laboratory for how we can adapt to reduced rainfall in a changing climate.
- **The recent IPCC Special [Report on 1.5C](#)** revealed that we are on a trajectory for rapid and unprecedented warming with severe [impacts on Australia](#). The role of a Planning Commission must surely factor these changes into consideration of a new Bylong coal mine, in pristine agricultural country. I attach a graphic that illustrates that if we go to 1.5°C warming, southeastern Australia will experience the high temperatures associated with the 2006 drought **every 3 years**. If we go to 2C this will occur **every 3 out of 4 years**. Yet, at the current rate of emissions, we are on track to go beyond 3C warming.

In view of all of these consequential issues, I ask that the IPCN consider agriculture, water, and water scarcity under climate change conditions when you make a decision on the Bylong Coal mine.

Yours sincerely,

[Annie Kia](#)

[REDACTED]

### How often is it likely to occur under each climate state?

Event	Associated impacts	'Natural', ie no human-induced change	Current climate (global mean 0.9-1°C above 'natural')	1.5°C warmer than 'natural'	2°C warmer than 'natural'
Angry Summer 2012-13	Severe heatwaves; bushfires	3 times a century	Every 2-3 years	Every 2 years	Most years (7-8 out of 10)
Coral Sea heat Jan/ Feb/Mar 2016	Worst coral bleaching event on record	Rarely, if ever	Every 3 to 5 years	2 out of every 3 years	Almost every year (8-9 out of 10)
High temperatures associated with SE Australia drought 2006	Water restrictions, reduced crop yield	Rarely, if ever	Every 3 years	Every 2 years	Most years (3 out of 4)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to mining in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:52:10 AM

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Aaron, the ipcن receptionist requested I send an email objection to mining in the Bylong Valley to the icpn.

My reasons for objecting include:

- It is environmental destruction to build a coal mine close to the Blue Mountains World Heritage area.
- It is agricultural destruction to build a coal mine or extend a mine into the Bylong valley where Natural Sequence Farming had its origins at Tarwyn Park. NSF shows how land can be restored from the ravages of exploitation that destroys natural ecosystems through land use/management totally unsuited to Australian conditions and soils.
- Coal is an increasingly uneconomic way to create electricity; the more so if the actual environmental costs of its extraction, transport and burning are factored into impacts on people, the planet's climate and communities' futures.

Rosemary B Lemings,

[REDACTED]

Volunteer landcarer and amateur naturalist.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed mining in Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:02:24 PM

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Could I please have my objections to this mine forwarded to commissioners considering the proposal.

I am a resident of Bathurst NSW and do not want the Bylong Valley destroyed by coal mining as has happened in the Upper Hunter.

Thank you

Sue Pamment  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Objection to the proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:46:02 AM

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I strongly object to the Bylong Coal Mine due to environmental reasons, as outlined below:-

1. A coal mine adds to climate change. We should be investing in renewable energy, not in a polluting coal mine that adds to carbon emissions. The Independent Planning Commission has a duty to consider the IPCC report that was handed down on the same day as the Bylong final assessment report. Keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees means phasing out coal in OECD countries like Australia and South Korea. The burning of coal needs to be phased out by 2030.
2. This mine has a life span up to 2044 and is not consistent with NSW Government policy which states that, "The NSW Government endorses the Paris Agreement and will take action that is consistent with the level of effort to achieve Australia's commitments to the Paris Agreement.
3. It is close to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains area and the pristine Wollemi National Park. In addition, there are sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage, biodiversity and community in the region
4. Amount of water required for the coal mine to operate is not feasible- we are in the worse drought in Australia in over 100 years. The Bylong Valley has been an important source of drought fodder for many years. This production is reliant on an adequate source of water to grow lucerne and pasture. Water requirements for coal mining as well as groundwater impacts equate to further loss of water available for the production of drought fodder.

Please do not proceed with this coal mine.

Nicole Luhrs

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION FOR THE COAL MINE AT BYLONG VALLEY\_Maria Zafra  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 5:05:33 PM  
**Importance:** High

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To the Commision,

I am opposed for the proposition for Korean KEPCO Coal mine to destroy the Beautiful Bylong Valley.

Due to: OUR GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTINUE TO DAMAGE AND SELL OUR LAND. PLEASE CONSIDER THE AFTER AFFECTS!

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Regards

Maria Zafra  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Bylong mine proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:10:56 AM

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I wish to state my opposition to any mine being allowed in the Bylong Valley. I live in the Blue Mountains in Katoomba and I am concerned about the potential effects that a mine could have on the nearby Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

I am also concerned about the levels of water that a mine would use and the damage that this, and the mine itself, would cause to a vital agricultural area that would be better kept pristine for food production and tourism.

We do not need this mine, and especially not in this place.

Thank you,  
Susan Ambler

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:35:15 AM

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Dear Madam/Sir

I would like to register my opposition to this proposed coal mine. I live in the Hunter Valley and have seen it destroyed by coal mining.

We are now at a stage when renewable energy is cheaper than fossil fuel energy and it is high time to transition to renewables, both in conventional economic terms, to contribute to meeting our emission reduction targets, to avoid compromising the health of people in the Bylong area, to protect the water, the nearby Blue Mountains area and I general be smart enough to choose clean energy and not perpetuate old, unhealthy, pollting forms if energy.

At a time when governments are meeting in Katowice, Poland to try to respond to the impending disaster of global warming and climate change it would be an extraordinarily irresponsible act to approve another coal plan.

Trusting in proper scientific analysis and environmental responsibility, I look forward to the decision not to approve this coal mine.

Yours sincerely

Marianne Wiseman, citizen and voter

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Bylong Valley mining  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:35:27 AM

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Dear Commissioner,

I want to express my opposition to the proposed coal mine in the Bylong Valley. This area has invaluable agricultural and heritage value and mining should not be allowed here.

As highlighted by the most recent scientific research on climate change, the extraction and burning of coal and fossil fuels must be immediately stopped, to avoid even further catastrophic damage to the economy and the survival of the human population on the planet. Fossil fuel companies are being sued in the USA for irreversible damage to the environment and this will become more common as the climate situation continues to worsen.

Further the IPC should reject the proposal of mining the Bylong Valley, as the proposed mine would lower the water level by at least 10 metres and pollute the aquifers making agricultural land unusable in the area.

The Bylong Valley is also very close to the World Heritage site of the Blue Mountains and tourism to the area will suffer from a mine of such magnitude.

Further, as you are aware, Tarwyn Park has both heritage and scientific importance and must be preserved.

Finally, in the face of unquestionable climate change caused by the extraction and burning of coal, allowing the mine to proceed would constitute a criminal act against humanity's future survival and as such legally prosecutable.

Thank you for your attention

Warm regards

Lida McCool  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO THE BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:47:33 PM

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To The Commissioner,

I object and oppose the Bylong coal mine.

Recently I drove through this area on a visit to Orange and Mudgee and was overwhelmed with the beautiful countryside and spectacular vistas. Having driven through parts of the Hunter Valley I was equally taken aback and utterly dismayed at the scars left on the landscape by mining.

We are now in the 21st century, not the 19th, and how anyone can even consider opening a new coal mine is beyond belief. Our future is with sustainable, renewable energy and the government needs to prioritise this and not be influenced by vested interests in the fossil fuel industry, which is unsustainable and past its use by date.

Coal is an incredibly dirty industry which impacts health through dust particles. It is also a huge user of water, such a precious resource particularly with the drought conditions being experienced wide spread throughout NSW. Once the aquifer is gone, it's gone.

This area has not seen and should not see mining. We need the land for agriculture to sustain us and tourism to continue to promote this area of natural beauty.

I respectfully request you reject the decision to go ahead with the Bylong coal mine.

Pippin Lord  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:17:16 AM

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Please note that I am lodging my opposition to a coal mine at Bylong. The beautiful Bylong Valley landscape needs to be preserved and given state heritage protection. The area should maintain the value of its agriculture and tourism.

Yours sincerely,  
Katherine Cameron  
Bathurst

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Bylong Coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:48:05 PM

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Dear NSW Planning Commission,

I am writing to you on today to voice my objection to the Bylong Coal project. The Bylong valley is spectacularly beautiful - i drive regularly through it from Maitland to Orange - it would be a tragedy if this landscape is replaced with mine workings that would forever scar the valley.

The impact on the groundwater is unacceptable and would negatively affect rural residents, farmers and future generations. There is already so much coal mining occurring in the Hunter valley, why open up new green field sites at a time when we should be slowing down coal production and taking action on climate change?

I implore you to reject the Bylong Coal project and protect the beautiful valley for future generations. The people of NSW are demanding action on climate change and this decision should reflect the communities interests - not those of Kepco.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please block the Belong coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:59:15 AM

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To the Commission:

Please do not allow the Bylong coal mine project to go ahead.

Coal is polluting to air and water, and a proven health risk to humans and to natural ecosystems. Coal is not the future of energy; NSW residents are eagerly embracing renewable energy. The Government needs to accept that and support a positive step to the future, and not a retro step backwards to more unsustainable coal.

Please block this coal mine.

Thank you.

Judith E LeVine

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please do NOT approve the proposed Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:32:51 AM

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To the planning commissioners,

I would like to register my strong opposition to the proposed Bylong Valley coal mine. This proposal is so wrong on so many levels that it should be inconceivable that it be allowed to proceed:

- The recent IPCC report (based on thousands of scientific papers) says that we must STOP burning any coal at all by 2040 to have any chance of limiting global warming to a level that may be endurable for future generations. Permitting a new coal mine in these circumstances would be reprehensible in the extreme.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

I urge you to consider your responsibilities to our children, to future generations and to the environment and all life on Earth. Life or profit - that is what this boils down to. The decision should be easy. Please, please reject this proposed mine.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Vaughan

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't approve the Bylong Valley Coal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:43:52 PM

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Dear Commissioner,

Please don't approve the Bylong Valley Coal project!

The benefits do not out weigh the costs.

It's time for us to move on from Coal.

Thank you for hearing my perspective!

Peter Shields

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Please no coal mine in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:10:21 AM

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Apart from the fact that any new coal mine adds to the already disastrous effects of global warming, it is horrifying to contemplate the impact of ANY mine on the hitherto unspoiled Bylong Valley - which coincidentally I visited to help celebrate an 80th birthday a fortnight ago. [ I recorded 67 species of birds on that property over the W/E: magic!]

Yours sincerely,  
Ted Nixon

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please protect the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:52:11 PM

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To the NSW Planning Commission,

Dear Sirs,

We are writing in the hope and expectation that the beautiful unspoilt Bylong valley can be protected from coal mining and permanently maintained for farming and for its intrinsic natural values.

NSW has enough mines and now we need a moratorium on coal mining while we decide how we secure the future for our next generations. With a growing population and the effects of a changing climate, our prospects are at risk if we don't protect the best of our agricultural land such as Tarwyn Park, our vital waterways, native biodiversity and natural landscapes - and transition away from use of fossil fuels.

Please make the right decision and save this wonderful valley. Look after the local landholders and the wider community that care about these tranquil places in the Upper Hunter and want them saved. It is worthy of state heritage listing, making it safe for posterity.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard & Brigid Dowsett,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 6:52:35 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I write to urge you to reject the proposed Bylong coal mine, firstly because we cannot afford to lose more agricultural land and water to the destruction of mining, and secondly because coal mining harms human health by creating hazardous dust. And thirdly, because burning coal will lead to toxic air pollution and a rise in emissions causing global warming. We need to move towards renewable energy now.

Regards  
Margaret Wallace

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please Stop Bylong Coal mine from going ahead and destroying this beautiful valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:59:04 AM

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This Coal Mine in the Bylong simply cannot be allowed to go ahead. Short term gain and long term pain with no justification for the devastation of a beautiful tourist and agricultural area. This is madness and must be stopped immediately for the following extremely valid reasons.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

**STOP THE BYLONG COAL MINE PROJECT NOW OR OUR GRANDCHILDREN WILL DESPISE OUR LACK OF FORESIGHT. THE ACTIVISTS WILL RISE UP. THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.**

**Yours sincerely  
Jenny Watson**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop the Bylong coal mine.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:50:35 AM

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Dear government officers

I write to urge you in the strongest possible terms to halt any and all coal mining in or near Bylong. The current proposed mine will contaminate air, water and earth as well as injure the health of all those people living in the area.

Those individuals will have their livelihoods and health damaged and will be unable to sell their properties if they wish to relocate - a property being poisoned is worthless and unsaleable.

These outcomes are completely unacceptable. There will be little benefit for the nation, real harm to the health and incomes of the local people, and irreparable damage to the local environment.

**PLEASE STOP THE BYLONG MINE!**

Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: PLEASE STOP THE BYLONG COAL MINE  
Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:00:47 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam

As you are aware, the NSW Planning Commission will be making a decision very soon about the proposed Bylong coal mine and deciding the fate of Tarwyn Park and the spectacular Bylong Valley.

I am strongly opposed to this mine being approved. Australia must move away from coal and not approve any new coal mines if we are to have the required impact on global warming and the consequent catastrophic climate change.

Have you been to the Bylong Valley? If you have, I'm sure that you would agree that it is a beautiful and tranquil place which supports the industries of agriculture and tourism. A coal mine in the valley would be disastrous for these local industries, particularly for the reasons below:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

I urge you NOT TO APPROVE this coal mine proposal and allow the Bylong Valley to remain the beautiful, peaceful environment that it is. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

LYNDA FLETCHER

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Preserve the beautiful Bylong Valley it must not be destroyed for a coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:57:10 PM

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Dear Planning Commission

I tried to ring you this morning but alas everyone was out and the phone just kept ringing so I'm sending you an email to express my concern that the unspoilt Bylong Valley remains a peaceful rural and agricultural area. I'm asking that you reject the proposal for a new coal mine in this valley now and forever.

I'm shocked that it could even be contemplated to allow a coal mine in this iconic rural area. Coal mining provides short term gain for a few, usually overseas companies, and a few jobs lasting less than half a generation, and the beauty of the landscape can never be restored.

Not only will the natural beauty of the Bylong valley be despoiled by a coal mine but the water systems of the valley will be irretrievably damaged. This is unconscionable in our very dry country currently experiencing severe drought. Water is our most precious resource, the proposed coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage. It will alter the surface and ground water reserves which will impact agriculture and the world renowned Natural Sequencing Farming research project at Tarwyn park. Instead this should be declared a world heritage area and preserved for posterity.

Health effects too are serious. It is well documented that coal mining is damaging to health of communities due to dust and other toxic emissions<sup>1</sup>. *"Particulate matter (PM) air pollution is the most deadly form of air pollution globally. Its microscopic particles penetrate deep into the lungs, bypassing the body's natural defences. From there it can enter the bloodstream, causing lung disease, cancer, strokes, and heart attacks. There is also evidence of detrimental effects on cognition. Yet, in spite of these risks, the relationship between particulate matter air pollution levels and human health is not widely comprehended by society at large"*. The Hunter Valley mines have caused huge air pollution and surrounding communities are suffering with respiratory and other diseases.

These health effects will be exacerbated by increased exposure and will cost the health department and hospital system dearly in years to come.

And finally, the recent IPCC report makes it quite clear that coal mining is rapidly becoming a crime against present and future generations. Warming of the planet and serious adverse weather events are accelerating. The planet must no longer be subjected to CO2 emissions from fossil fuels. It is naïve to say we will not be burning the coal in Australia so will not affect our emissions. CO2 emitted anywhere affects everywhere else as the atmosphere completely surrounds the planet, our home, our only planet earth.

It is essential that NSW urgently develops a plan to transition from fossil fuels to provide alternative jobs for workers in the mining industries. Planning should be accelerated and focused on this as top priority rather than developing new coal mines. I look forward to hearing that NSW has declared a moratorium on coal and fossil fuel mines and receiving information about what transition plans are being developed.



Thank you in anticipation of a speedy, positive response

Angela Burrows



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine Submission  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:40:27 AM

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Dear Commission

I would like to state my strong opposition to the Proposed Bylong Coal Mine

I have the following deep concerns

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
- Further coal mining IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY and should be stopped as a matter of urgency -our future on this planet is at stake -please don't approve this mine

Please do not approve the proposed Bylong Coal Mine

– we should be making a quick transition away from coal to renewables for the sake of the future of our planet -and so there should be no new coal mines being opened up.

The State are our representatives in decision making for the environment and should be aiming to close down the coal industry as a matter of urgency -in fact to not close down the coal industry IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY -we must close down all coal mines as a matter of urgency

Yours sincerely

Michael A Purtell

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:12:41 PM

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Sir / Madam,

This e-mail is to express in strongest possible terms my objection to the proposed new coal mine in the Bylong Valley and to urge you to not approve any proposal that will allow mining in the valley.

It should not be a surprise to you any longer that the use of coal and fossil fuels has to be abandoned as soon as possible and projects need to be prioritized that will replace them with alternative power sources.

I understand that there is big business interest in selling coal and it has been lucrative over the past centuries, however the coal diggers & exporters never paid for the mess they left behind and it has now come to the point where it is impossible to keep the coal industry going for the sake of our atmosphere. Definitely not opening new mines.  
Make sure the old ones are shut down as soon as possible and no mess is left behind that will need public funds to tidy up.

Please consider all the current science about climate change and make a firm decision against the Bylong Coal proposal. We can't afford the environmental impacts.

Thank you and regards

**Jakob Pfaeffli**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:43:22 AM

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Good morning,

I would like you to record my opposition to the proposed Bylong Coal Mine.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

*Many thanks,*

Jennifer Knop

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:06:03 AM

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Dear Planning Commission

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Bylong coal mine for the following reasons:

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
- Coal mining contributes to climate change and should be replaced by renewable energy initiatives

I live in a rural community on the far south coast, working in the agricultural and environmental sectors and for Landcare and understand the impact that such a development would have on the Bylong community. Please reject the proposal and support the long term health of rural communities and the environment.

Yours sincerely  
Alison Rodway  
Bega NSW 2550, Australia

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] [Mailbox](#)  
**Date:** Proposed Bylong Coal Mine  
Wednesday, 12 December 2018 4:54:12 PM

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that you do NOT approve the Bylong Valley coal mine.

This site is too good to mine. I have visited Tarwyn Park on a number of occasions and appreciate the historic nature of that property as the original site of Peter Andrews work on maintaining and increasing water on farms. The setting is magnificent, and should be listed as a state heritage site, rather than decimated by mining.

Given that the Department has made a sensible decision and rejected the Hume Coal Mine in the Southern Highlands, we know that you will be able to also take ALL considerations into account for the Bylong mine and reject it also.

Please - take the sensible decision! NSW and the world does not need this mine.

Yours faithfully,

Nicola Chirlian

"Tallawang"

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong coal Mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:17:20 AM

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Hello I would like to register my opposition to the Proposed Bylong Coal Mine for many reasons which are well known now. The valuable & depleting water it would use, the fact that we do not want more coal mines as all Climate scientists insist, the health of the good people of Bylong & nearby would be seriously affected over time, it would totally ruin the township forever, there would be absolute minimal jobs created by a mine & they would soon disappear as mechanization etc takes over, the food production would be affected etc, etc. Please do not allow this mine to proceed. - Jim Edwards (Clunes NSW)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 12:07:02 PM

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I want to express my opposition to a coal mine in the beautiful Bylong valley.

The proposed site, located next to Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area, is no place for a mine.

It will destroy the landscape, affect groundwater, agriculture and tourism.

A heritage report states that the whole valley warrants state heritage listing, so please stop this coal mine going ahead.

Sincerely,

Julie Anderson

Sent from my Samsung GALAXY S5



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 6:04:41 PM

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To whomever is concerned with the decision making

I wish to register my protest at the proposal to mine the Bylong valley for Coal.

This is a productive, fertile and beautiful valley it would be a tragedy to destroy this for short term gains for some, and thus create long term losses for many.

Australia had enough coal and gas for our needs but may soon be woefully short of agricultural land to grow food on. This area is also valuable recreation space and provides green space for co2 sequestration. Mining is not a solution that is acceptable for meeting energy needs.

Yours sincerely  
Lee Rodger

**From:**

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**Subject:**

Proposed Bylong Valley Coal Mine

**Date:**

Friday, 14 December 2018 2:32:00 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that the Commission will be making a decision very soon about a proposed coal mine in the spectacular Bylong Valley.

I am opposed to any mine there for the following reasons -

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The proposed mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage.
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

I respectfully ask that my concerns be considered and the proposal for a mine be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Spencer

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed coal mine Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:55:17 PM

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**URGENT**

To the NSW Planning Commissioner deciding the fate and future of the By long Valley today.

I am writing to record my opposition to the proposed mine in the Bylong Valley.

- Until enough people make a stand an alternative to coal will not be considered. There must be a better way without destroying our beautiful valleys like Bylong.
- Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Please stop the proposed coal mine.

[Sent from Yahoo7 ifMail on Android](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:30:57 AM

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I am very distressed that a coal mine could even be considered in the beautiful Bylong Valley. Today a report has been released from a university study which highlights that Australia's water resources will be severely adversely affected by climate change. The drawdown of precious water from the coal mine would put the water table in jeopardy. Apart from all the other objections, this alone should be reason to stop the mine. I ask the commissioners to put people and our water resources before corporate profits and reject the mine. Be forward thinkers and promote sustainability.  
Sincerely Helen Gibbons  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Protect Bylong from coal pollution and devastation.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 10:50:51 AM

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I write to express my distress that agricultural land and water at the edge of a World Heritage region could be exposed to permanent devastation by coal mining.

Sincerely,

Anna Harpley

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Protect Bylong Valley from coal mining, please!  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:51:02 AM

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I am writing to protest against the possibility of coal mining in the stunning Bylong Valley. It seems inconceivable to me that the idea could be entertained, in this beautiful part of the world, against the backdrop of climate change produced by the burning of fossil fuels.

The Bylong Valley, and Tarwyn Park is a stunning part of the Upper Hunter, and should be protected and nurtured for us all to enjoy.

Please do the job of good government: to make good decisions enabling the land and its people to flourish.

If you permit this coal mining to go ahead, it will not only be disastrous for the area, but for the sense of hope a huge majority of us cling to that we can change the profiteering mindset to save our world.

yours in faith and hope,

Anna Fienberg

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Protect the Bylong Valley from unwanted Coal mine  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 11:49:37 PM

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Attention: NSW Planning Commission reoresentative,

I am writing to express my deepest concern about the proposed Bylong Valley coal mine. I request that you protect the Bylong Valley, and more importantly the Bylong River ground water aquifer from any damage from this mine. The proposed Bylong Coal mine offers nothing positive in the long term for the majority of Bylong Valley residents, and its potential for contamination and drastically reducing the ground water to such an extent that it threatens the communities of the area is a major concern of many NSW voters.

The landscape of the Bylong Valley is spectacularly beautiful, and deserves state heritage protection, not irreparable scarring for short term corporate profit.

Please consider the importance of this area and its value to all Australians when you consider whether this Coal mine will be disallowed or not.

Warmest Regards

Jenny McCracken  
Visual Artist,



Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.  
—Albert Schweitzer, French philosopher, physician, and musician (Nobel 1952)





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Protest against mining in the Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:46:08 AM

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I would like to add my voice to those of others who hope the final decision is against mining in the beautiful Bylong Valley – for the sake of those living there now and for the sake of the future.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Bylong Coal Project  
**Date:** Friday, 14 December 2018 9:19:02 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment Philippa.

I OPPOSE the proposed development for several reasons, the most significant of which are:

- the additional dust load that would be created by the mine in the Hunter region which already suffers from cumulative dust load that is well above medical guidelines.
- the carbon emissions caused by mining and then burning the coal would make it extremely difficult for Australia to meet its international obligations and to ensure a safe climate and limit to global warming.
- the additional salt load on the Goulburn and Hunter Rivers and the impact that this would have on existing uses including agricultural and environmental flows.
- the visual impact of the mine on an incredibly beautiful area. I understand that the Bylong Valley Way has been named in the drive.com.au top ten great Aussie drives. If you have driven east along the road in late afternoon you will understand. To allow a coal mine in this environment would be a crime.

Please withhold my name from the submission.

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Philippa

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 December 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** IPCN Enquiries Mailbox <[ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Bylong Coal Project

Hello,

Is it still possible to make a submission to the IPC on the Bylong Coal project?

Thank you,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Register my opposition to the coal mine at Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2018 10:35:05 AM

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To the Commissioner,

I wish to register my opposition to this coal mine. Our future depends on renewable, clean sources of energy.

The majority of Australians WANT and DEMAND a better option for future generations. We do not want any more coal mining. There are so many other options available now and if these were funded, researched and promoted, it would be possible to never mine for coal again.

Australia should be at the forefront of clean energy and stop this out dated and environmentally unsound method of extracting coal.

The Bylong Valley is a pristine and natural environment. The community there does not want a mine in their back yard and they should not have to put up with one.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Mining in The Bylong Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:24:01 PM

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The NSW Planning Commission will be making a decision very soon about the proposed Bylong coal mine and deciding the fate of Tarwyn Park and the spectacular Bylong Valley.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Therefore any mining activity in The Bylong Valleys should NOT be approved to go ahead.

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Thanks and Regards  
Darlan Zam

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Reject planning for Bylong Coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 2:18:23 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I call on you to firmly reject any mine proposal in the Bylong valley.

On any level, this is totally irresponsible in today's economic, social and environmental world. We do not want another dirty big hole in the ground especially so near a world heritage listed area. It is toxic to water, air and land.

Why not build a solar or wind farm instead of using two centuries old technology?

Have you understood the latest world wide climate change report. This should be front & centre of anything you are doing right now

Regards,

James Pengilley

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Stop the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 3:29:01 PM

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Stop the Bylong coal mine it's never been mined and we don't need more coal mines.

Kind regards

Lee Ross

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** STOP THE BYLONG COAL MINE  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:57:42 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please stop the Bylong Coal Mine.

The Bylong Valley is a beautiful and secluded part of the Upper Hunter that has never been mined before. It's right next to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and the whole valley warrants state heritage listing.

It is no place for a coal mine and in fact this is no time to be starting new mines anywhere. It is time to look forward and after our future. Coal is not the way forward.

Yours sincerely

Judith Milling



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Stop the Bylong coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 1:38:16 PM

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Hi

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed Bylong coal mine.

- The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism.
- The coal mine will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage
- The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.
- The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection.
- A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

We are the driest continent on earth and need to be world leaders in water management. We should be exporting this knowledge instead of damaging our precious water and agricultural resources.

Please be more far sighted. Coal has a built in end date and we need to plan for beyond this.

Roxana Knittel

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Submission re Belong mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 12:02:34 PM

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Dear Commission

I urge you to reject the proposed Bylong coal mine and make the Bylong valley safe from coal mining.

This is valuable agricultural land and as such is not suitable to be lost to coal mining, in the face of the demands of a rising population and of drought and associated climate change loss and future risk to agricultural production. We already have an absolute finite limit to our productive agricultural land and this must be preserved for our future viability.

There is strong opposition from the local community which has been publicly demonstrated including in our legal system.

In addition our family is highly concerned about our future, due to the dangerous and damaging effects of climate change occurring now regularly in our state, country and worldwide with unprecedented fires, drought and other climatic related events. We accept the science of experts who state that we must stop new coal mines to preserve our future.

Therefore we strongly urge you to to so and reject this insupportable proposal.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Submission regarding Bylong Valley Coal Mining Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:21:14 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam

I have tried many times to call your phone number 93832100 this morning. It appears no one is taking calls as the phone rings out.

I wish to state my objection to the above mine going ahead because of,

\* In the view of the IPPC recent report the world is heading towards catastrophe caused mainly by the burning of fossil fuels and land clearing, as well as other mainly man made activity.

\* I am a great admirer of Peter Andrews who was forced to leave his property. He showed the way to a successful new method of saving water, preventing erosion and being kind to the land.

\* I have heard farmers from the area speak passionately about their love of their farms and their fears of enforced take over of their land.

\* I have also listened to economists and scientists who believe coal is on the way out and will be replaced by renewables.

\* I believe this mine is just a short term grab for money.

\* I fear for the well being of my grandchildren and their future in a heating planet and the weather events which are at record level now and which will become worse.

I urge you to reject the licence for this mine.

I would appreciate a reply and also an answer as to why you did not answer your phone this morning. There was not even a voice message.

Sincerely

Mrs Gillian Lord

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** The Bylong Valley coal mine  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 December 2018 11:55:21 AM

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Good morning

I am writing to the Planning Commission to voice my opposition to the proposed mine in the Bylong Valley.

The Bylong Valley has never been subjected to mining before. Coal mining will irreversibly change the Valley and shift it away from agriculture and tourism. A coal mine here will cause 10 metres draw down in the Bylong River groundwater aquifer, and there are doubts whether it can withstand this damage. The living laboratory of Tarwyn Park, home of Natural Sequence Farming, will suffer intense groundwater drawdown and put at risk this iconic agricultural exemplar.

The Bylong Valley is a spectacularly beautiful landscape that warrants state heritage protection. A mine in the valley will mar the adjacent Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Sincerely

Anne Collins

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