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To whom it may concern,

I am writing with strong opposition to the progression of the Bylong Coal Project.

The Bylong Coal Project will significantly impact my family, who have a farm in the Bylong Valley just opposite the proposed mine. The farm has been owned and operated by my family for over 30 years. Not only will the coal mine greatly impact the tranquility of the valley, creating a supportive environment to raise livestock, but it will have an irreversible impact on the natural water source throughout the valley.

With drought already an issue across Australia, further impeding a natural water source will only create additional unnecessary stress on the lives of farmers.

Beyond the many significant and irreversible environmental impacts of the coal mine that I could continue to list, the valley has been an important place to my family for generations, a place of learning and exploration of the natural environment. Growing up in cities we have so little exposure to a real understanding of nature, as well as the process by which we produce and acquire various produce. The Bylong Valley was for me, and still is for my many cousins, nieces and nephews (and promises to continue to be, if not torn up by coal mines) a place where we could learn the importance of balance between human intervention and allowing nature to run its course. I believe that mining the Bylong Valley will significantly throw out this balance, leaning heavily towards human intervention in a place that is currently so perfectly balanced.

As scientists across the world highlight the need to find alternative energy sources, moving away from fossil fuels, I believe we should listen and put a stop to the Bylong Coal Project.

Sincerely,

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