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Please accept this late submission . We have had a problem with our computer.

Re: Bylong coal project. After attending the meeting in Mudgee on 7th November we are now even more worried about the future of our beautiful valley. It seems there is a strong probability that the meager water resources which we rely on for our stock and household use are likely to be drained by the mine. The irrigators at the Bylong end of the valley will no longer have enough water for their fodder crops, rendering their farming enterprises useless.

Years ago, when these water licenses were issued the amount of underground water was unknown, so large allocations were given. In ensuing years the climate has changed and the valley no longer has unlimited supplies of water. Our property was once a wetland, now we are struggling to get enough water for our stock. Without water we have no farm!

Cattle numbers have decreased noticeably since the mines have taken over the larger properties. We have been distressed to see neighbours put under considerable pressure to sell up and then have gag clauses put in their contracts to prevent them disclosing anything about the transactions. Bylong was once a thriving community - and what is here now? - bugger all!

. The air quality will be affected with dust from the mine. We already have dust from Wilpinjon mine. Are we to end up like the Hunter Valley?!