## **Aaron Brown**

From: Kate Pell

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**To:** IPCN Enquiries Mailbox

**Subject:** Coal and coal-seam gas free southern highlands

Dear Sir/Madam.

I SUPPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE PLANNING DEPT AND I DO NOT WANT A COAL MINE IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

I find it incredibly frustrating that as scientists all around the world give dire warnings about the effects of human induced climate change, the Australian government is still giving the green light to coal mines. Hume coals project to develop coal mines in the Southern Highlands is not just against the public interest but also against the interests of a healthy planet and all future generations.

To believe that the public still has to fight for the right to a healthy life and planet, is mind boggling. The people responsible for allowing dirty energy to still be used and developed in this country will end up having to face up to the facts that a clean planet for all is far more important than lining the pockets of a few greedy people. The public no longer trusts a government that denies the truth and makes decisions based solely on economic rationalism.

The propaganda supplied but coal companies and those who financially back or receive money from mining, is now known to be full of untruths. This country can survive quite well on clean energy (solar, wind & hydro) and it could even be that we could export clean energy to the world.

Our government should immediately restrict any further coal mine approvals and place their time and energy into renewables.

I ask the Independent Planning Commission to please use their wisdom and scientific facts, to ensure there be no further antiquated coal mines and other such old fashioned energy production processes developed in the Southern Highlands and Australia wide for that matter.

Kind regards Cathryn Pell

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