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Subject: objection to Bylong mine

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This is my submission of objection to the Bylong mine.

18.7million \$'s spent on Ulan road upgrade, 45 kilometres long, 4 years in construction, overtaking lanes, turning bays and the widening of the traffic lanes. Mayor Des Kennedy stated it is a fantastic road now, not only for the people coming to the 3 mines to work but is now a good link to Newcastle and much safer. This was printed in the Mudgee Guardian on Friday 26th October. 2018

Main road 208 from Mudgee through Cooyal, Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve, Wollar to Bylong than onto Sandy Hollow to the Golden Highway must be treated the same as the Ulan road upgrade, before the mine at Bylong is approved and construction commences. Peoples lives are already at risk due to the poor condition of main road 208. Once you approve the mine you are adding to the risk factor of an already busy road.

Bylong mine should also not be approved because it is farming land, this is very important to this state. The land holders have always produced hay and have used the groundwater wisely. A mine in this region will take this water away from them.

Water is becoming a valuable resource especially in times of long droughts.

For over 40 years I have lived on the banks of the Goulburn River. Since mining has increased I have noticed that the river is changing due to the mines locking up the areas of catchment, this is one of those things that will effect the Bylong River.

The experts say that this mine will destroy the Bylong River and the groundwater, you need to take note of this before you give this mine approval.

Thank you With kind regards Bruce Hughes