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To whom it may concern

I wish to express my concern of the consideration and potential approval of a coal mine at Bylong Valley.

The proximity of the valley to National Parks and listed World Heritage Park is in my mind enough to halt any activity with a risk of adverse effects. As you are aware the water flows through to the Greater Blue Mountains Area via the Wollemi National Park.

Activities causing seepage of contaminated water into the riparian zones is in my mind too risky to accept the coal mine as safe.

Together with the fact that world trends are phasing out thermal coal mines for their direct impact of carbon release into the atmosphere. Australia should lead with sound scientific backing to NOT open any new coal mines.

A state politician explained to me recently that we need the royalties created by mines for our economy to prosper. A healthy economy is a serious issue but at the cost of our listed World Heritage resource and exquisite National Park is criminal.

Please consider what the benefits this mine will have to us Australians and what are the risks.

I believe the risk is too high no matter what payoff we receive. Planning to phase out thermal coal is a responsible thing we owe our future generations. (I don't need to throw statistics at you in my defence)

Thankyou for your considerations

Kind regards

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.