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To: Ken Wilson [REDACTED]
Subject: FW:

MY NAME IS KEN WILSON

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THANK YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

GOVERNMENTS HAVE A RESPOSIBILTY TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESORSES

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF MENTION DURING THE PAST 2 DAYS OF WATER, OUR COUNTRY IS ONE OF THE DRYEST IN THE WORLD, WITH A CURRENT DROUGHT COVERING OVER 85% OF OUR COUNTRY AND GLOBAL WARMING BEING A REALITY

NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND COULD APPROVE THIS PROPOSED COAL MINE ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING STATES THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD USES MORE WATER THAN ANY PREVIOUS MINE APPLICATION THEY HAVE EVER INVESTIGATED AND RIGHT IN THE GREATER SYDNEY WATER CATCHMENT AREA.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS IT RIGHT WITH THERE REFUSAL.

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE METHODOLOGY OF MINING IE "PINE FEATHER", THIS UNPROVEN UNTESTED METHOD MUST BE A MAJOR CONCERN TO O.H&S OF THE MINE.

MY CONCERN IS IF YOU GO BACK TO WHEN HUME COAL STATED THAT UNLESS THEY GAINED ACCESS TO THE PROPERTIES ABOVE THE MINE AREA TO DRILL TEST BORES THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TEST THE GEOLOGY OF THE UNDERGROUND CONDITIONS AND THIS WOULD BE DETRIMENTALL TO THE MINES OPERATION.

AS YOU KNOW THEY LOST THE CASE AND NEVER GAINED ACCESS, THEREFORE THE SITUATION OF HAVING EMPLOYEES BELOW GROUND EITHER DOING MAINTINANCE OR SETTING UP SYSTEMS ETC, IS FORTE WITH DANGER WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT CONDITIONS LIE AHEAD.

MY OTHER COMMENT IS THAT HUME COAL REFERS TO 300 EMPLOYESS, IF TRUE IS AT THE PEAK PRODUCTION AND WITH THE BUILD UP AND CLOSURE YEARS IT IS MORE LIKE A 200 MEAN AVERAGE OVER THE LIFE OF THE MINE. NOT 300

I HAVE NO FAITH IN HUME COAL OR POSCO THAT HAVE NEVER OPERATED A MINE ON THEIR OWN TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS TASK.

I COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE MANAGER OF HUME COAL DELVERED HIS PRESENTATION HE LEFT THE VENUE, NOT EVEN INTERESTED IN LISTING TO THE OTHER SPEAKERS, IT DEMONSTRATES HOW HUME HAS NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION TO LISTENING TO THE RESIDENTS AND HAS LOOKED AT DONATIONS TO BUY THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

I THEREFORE HOPE YOUR DECISION WILL SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANING AND REFUSE THIS APPLICATION.