Bylong Valley Submission:

I object on environmental grounds to the development of coal mining in the Bylong Valley. I am a local citizen of Central NSW, and a member of Dubbo Field Naturalist and Conservation Society, GasFreeDubbo Region and Dubbo Healthy River Ambassadors. I am horrified, as a descendant of British farming settlers, to continue to witness relentless ongoing destruction of our environment in NSW. Clearing continues at an alarming rate despite our modern understanding that such practices have caused devastating long- term negative impacts to our soil, water catchments, oceans and to our unique flora and fauna.

Science has long warned of the impacts of Climate Change, reporting at least 5 years ago, that NO more fossil fuels can be taken from the ground if we wish to halt permanent temperature rises and if we wish to avoid locking in irreparable damage to the planet.

We can address the issue of energy by moving to renewables and we need to do it now. There is NO place for new coal industry in 2018.