Dear Commissioner,

I object to the Bylong Coal Project going ahead.

My main objections to the mine are as an agriculturalist and biodiversity activist.

The loss of good agricultural land that can produce fodder through drought periods is of great importance and cannot be underestimated. Also, the potential impact of subsidence from the underground mine has likely been underestimated and is acknowledged to be a problem. It is inappropriate for the largest biodiversity offset to be on the mine subsidence area. The cumulative loss of threatened species habitat and biodiversity will be terrible.

Apart from the points made above this is one of the most beautiful valleys in NSW and it would be an absolute tragedy to put a coal mine in the middle of it and ruin for generations to come.

I hope you will take my submission into consideration before allowing this project to go ahaead.

Kind regards

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