Dear Sir/Madam

I ask the Independent Planning Commission to reject the coal mine in the Bylong valley. This valley is too valuable for agriculture and the natural environment, it cannot be destroyed for a coal mine that will increase the growing disastrous affects of climate change.

I attended the Independent Planning Commission hearing at Mudgee and listened to a large number of the presentations made. Those opposing the mine spoke passionately and with great knowledge.

Those presentations in themselves undoubtably necessitate the IPC to reject this mine.

The issues relating to water use alone make this mine unviable.

I am also aware of a submission made by Blue Mountains Conservation Society (BMCS), of which I am on the Management Committee. I fully support this submission and again ask that you reject the mine on the points made within it.

My submission is my own and not of behalf of BMCS.

I ask the IPC to reject this mine in its entirety, based on the solid evidence presented to it.

Regards

Lachlan Garland