I object strongly to this exposed expansion of the mine in the Bylong valley. I am tired of local people’s concerns and preferences being mowed down by mining proposals that do not benefit them. In fact, coal mining must stop if global climate change is to be restrained at all. Even the corporations that are behind these proposals will not benefit if there is a future with no clean air, no fresh water and no food because cole mines have befouled the water and displaced the farms which used to provide our food.

In summary, my detailed objections are that this proposed expansion will:

* feed coal fired power stations in South Korea for years after the scientists tell us coal-burning will have to stop if we’re going to prevent dangerous climate change;
* directly affect over 400 hectares of strategic and productive farmland;
* pump dry the alluvial aquifer of the Bylong River;
* mar a beautiful and heritage-rich landscape, including Tarwyn Park, the jewel of the Bylong Valley and
* although it has already torn the rural fabric of the Valley to shreds, it is not too late yet to reverse the damage.

Thank you for considering my heartfelt concerns, which I hope will encourage you to save the Bywon Valley from open cut mining.

Yours respectfully.

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