

I am writing against the proposed Posco Coal project in the Southern Highlands. We have lived in the Southern Highland since 1979 and have enjoyed the beauty of the area, however with the proposed coal mine we feel our way of life for us and our family will be greatly compromised by this development. Our property is over 100 acres and has been in drought for the past 3 years. The use of ground and aquifer water by POSCO will affect the water table in an already struggling eco system. Our property is part of Sydney Water Catchment and has a Positive Covenant with Sydney Water. We have 3 creeks on our property and are protected to ensure the purity of the water supply to Sydney. How can POSCO ensure that they guarantee not to affect Sydney Water, they can't and on that point alone the whole project needs to be rejected.

Our other concerns are our health and the health of our animals with the storage of coal producing dust. The Southern Highlands is a strong wind area and the pollution from the coal storage will affect all the residence health.

We are also concerned with the affect on property prices and tourism and will cause loss of income. This has a detrimental affect both physically and emotionally and the stress caused will be another factor concerning health.

The battle to stop this coal mine project has been ongoing for the past 8 years and as long term and committed residence a definite rejection is needed so we can plan the rest of our future.

Consideration should be taken from the overwhelming rejection of the proposed mine by the people who live and visit the area and who want to continue enjoying the Southern Highlands.

Yours truly,

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