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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION TO THE PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT COMMISSION (PAC)

RE: WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT (SSD 4974)  
WYONG SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

We as concerned residents and (family) strongly object to the approval of the Wallarah 2 Coal Mine for the reasons set out below:

The health issues were NOT addressed in the Health Report, for the Residences of Bushell’s Ridge Road, Hue Hue Road and WYEE in relation to how the Coal Mine will affect the area mention above. This area is close by to the mine.

The residents of Lake Macquarie Local Government area and Wyong Local Government Area who reside along these two roads rely on Tank water for all domestic purposes, drinking, washing and bathing. This water is collected from the roof of their dwellings, which will be affected by the dust from the Wallarah 2 Mine in Toohey’s Road.

The noise associated with construction and the stockpile and the Rail loading facility in Toohey’s Road will impact on surrounding families and area.

On Bushell’s Ridge Road there are 30 residents, also 1 group home (for Disabilities) and I am not aware of how many residents live at the group home.
There are 16 Residents and families along Bushell’s Ridge Road, who reside within 700 metres of the proposed Wallarah 2 Project. This is from the Pitt Head, Stock Pile and Coal Loading Facilities in Tooheys Road.

There is no Mention of the New Subdivision on Bushell’s Ridge Road containing 1250 Residential Building Blocks at Wyee that will also be affected greatly by this project.

Residents have concerns in relation to extra Coal dust from large amounts of uncovered additional Railway Wagons, going through Wyee Township on the Northern Railway Line to Port of Newcastle from this Mining Facility.

In my opinion, the effects of coal dust and noise on Residents in surrounding areas will impact on the people attending Wyong Hospital who illness relates to lung and heart diseases from the dust created from the Coal Mine.

No Impact study has been done on Bushell’s Ridge Road for Fauna, in regard to Sugar Gliders, Echidna, Water Hens and Wombat, although we have a Conservation Order of protection on Sugar Gliders in the area of Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

I have noticed upon reading the EPA report (page 9) that the noise monitor that was placed on my property these results that where gained from my residence have been omitted from the EPA report. The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities have not carried out in depth investigation into the Flora and Fauna north of the proposed Coal Mine site (Bushells Ridge Road). The Health Report also does not consider residents north of this Project (Bushells Ridge Road and Hue Hue Road). The Health Report is only looking at 55,000 residents this example stated in the report seems to be a small sample of the eastern and southern areas that will be affected by this project. In my opinion it seems that any area north of the proposed Coal Mine does not exist.

The conclusion of my facts and opinions are in this submission of correspondence to you, explaining my views of the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Mine.
I have pointed out my queries and concerns of this Coal Mine with regard to the Health of the Residents and surrounding area, mentioning Water, dust, noise, fauna and residents are the most important concerns of my submission and hope that my points are accepted and noted for the project of the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Mine (SSD 4974). Wyong Shire Local Government Area which also affects us greatly residing along Bushell’s Ridge Road.

Our Residence is adjacent to the intersection of Tooheys Road and Bushells Ridge Road which will be used to gain access for the construction of the Coal Mine as well as to the Pitt Head and Stock Pile for the life of this proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Mine project.

From previous experience of development in Tooheys Road workers travel the quickest and shortest route to the workplace and I feel that this will create further traffic on Bushells Ridge Road and Tooheys Road which are rural roads, which don’t have the capacity to carry heavy vehicles, machinery, related construction implements and workers vehicles to the site in Tooheys Road will use Bushells Ridge Road.

We the residences of 224 Bushells Ridge Road request that the Planning and the Assessment Commission reject this application for the Wallarah 2 Coal Project (SSD 4974) based on the grounds of our concerns mentioned above in this submission.

Yours faithfully

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