Dear PAC, Chair Dr Neil Shepherd, Garry West, Joe Woodward, KORES, and members of the community.

My name is Aaron Trew, a local educator currently working in schools and institutions such as Musica Viva and the University of Newcastle. I’ve worked at the latter for the last 4 years as a lecturer and course coordinator in Primary and Secondary Education. I regretfully cannot attend the hearing on April 2nd, as I’ll be working at Central Coast Grammar School.

I and am concerned about the future of the Wyong area and the proposed Wallarah 2 coal mine.

**Why opposition to Wallarah 2?**

For years the community has made it clear we do not want this mine in our area. Our “Water not Coal” signs can still be seen in the region.

The proponent KORES (owned by the Korean government and Japanese mining companies), have been donating towards community groups such as: Tuggerah Lakes Branch NSWJA Inc, Wyong District Museum / Historical Society, among others [http://www.wallarah.com.au](http://www.wallarah.com.au)

I wish to inform KORES that there are those of us on the Central Coast that cannot be bought. No amount of money is compensation for the 28 years the project will last.

The extraction of up to 5 Million tonnes per annum of export quality thermal coal via longwall mining methods is unacceptable for Australia and the Central Coast.

The world is moving toward a greener future, with global action on many fronts including carbon pricing. It doesn’t make sense that we continue to support these dirty industries while at the same time focusing on enacting the Direct Action Plan. [http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/cleaner-environment](http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/cleaner-environment)


In the coming years Wyong Shire will be generating millions of dollars in tourism revenue from one of the biggest tourism projects ever seen in NSW. In November 2012, Council formally approved the sale of 15.7 hectares of land at Warnervale to the Australian Chinese Theme Park Pty Ltd (ACTP) for $10 million, for the purpose of constructing a $500 million Theme Park. People from all over Australia and the world will be visiting us, how embarrassing for the Central Coast to have a coalmine 10 minutes drive from this Theme Park.

Kind Regards,

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