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Subject: RE: Quick action to protect Sydney's drinking water from coal mining
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I am writing to object to Wollongong Coal's proposal to expand their Russell Vale Colliery. I object to this proposal for the following reasons:

- The mine will cause subsidence, cracking and water loss in Cataract River, Cataract and Bellambi Creeks, as well as water-storing swamps which are vital refuges in times of drought;
- Wollongong Coal is proposing to use risky new mining methods to extract a third seam of coal beneath two previously mined seams, placing our catchment at great risk;
- Modelling by the mine's own consultant estimates the proposed mining could result in surface water baseflow loss of up to 7.3 ML per day - the equivalent of the average daily water consumption for 24,580 people;
- A staggering 360,000 tonnes of coal would be stockpiled in a mountain 33 metres high – the height of an 11 story building. This massive stockpile would be located just 225m from people's homes and 500m from a pre-school.

This is absolutely disgraceful

From Judy Scott

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