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Subject: Wollongong Coal is seeking to expand their Russell Vale Colliery
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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 main reason is that it is that it is a nightmare scenario of tampering with nature in the most insane way and affecting our most precious resource – water.

There is absolutely no amount of coal that is worth jeopardising the water source of our major capital city. Nothing this company can say or do can ensure that the water catchment is safe if any more mining is allowed in the special areas that ensure reliable, clean drinking water for Sydney.

Please don't allow this, or any more mining at Russel Vale. If you do, you are culpable and it cannot be reversed once it's done.

Other reasons include:-

- 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 base flow 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.

Yours sincerely

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