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I object to the proposed Bylong Coal Project for the following reasons:

1. Project approval will cause large scale and permanent destruction of prime agricultural land, native vegetation, critical equine land, the iconic landscape and significant Aboriginal sites in the heritage listed Bylong Valley.
2. There is no certainty that there is enough water in the valley for the mines to operate without taking water from the other water users in the valley.
3. Groundwater losses will never recover following mining. Stream flow loss in the Bylong River will be permanently reduced.
4. The project has already disrupted the Bylong community with many farming families being forced to leave the district with 'gag' orders' enforced. Mining will displace the Bylong Valley community.
5. Australia should be investing in renewable energy sources, not approving new coal mines.

I urge PAC to fully consider the devastating impacts that this project will have on the Bylong Valley and to not approve the project.

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