

## Philippa Vale

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**From:** Jade Hoskins  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 May 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** PAC Enquiries Mailbox  
**Subject:** FW: NO COAL MINE IN BYLONG

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 May 2017 8:21 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NO COAL MINE IN BYLONG

Dear Jade,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed KEPCO coal mine in the Bylong Valley in mid-west NSW because;

- (a) coal mining is a non-renewable outdated form of power which we should waste no more precious land and especially money on;
- (b) the beautiful Bylong Valley and its surrounding National Parks should be protected for generations to come not destroyed in one fell swoop;
- (c) the impact and costs of this mine on surrounding flora, fauna, aquifers and farming communities is far too great to justify the benefits.

It shocks me to my core me that we continue to give away beautiful pockets of this country to such an outdated and barbaric enterprise as coal mining. There are already too many coal mines in the mid-west catchment area, a highly biodiverse area adjacent to some of Australia's most precious and celebrated National Parks. It is idiotic and naive to think that mines such as KEPCO's will not have a chaotic impact on the surrounding environment, and approving this mine means accepting sole responsibility for this destruction. Careless approvals of coal mines in Australia have played a huge part in the country's biodiversity extinction rate (which is now the highest in the world for mammals - something we should be ashamed of).

The Bylong Valley has been home to several generations of farmers and residents who appreciated its beauty, uniqueness and serenity every day. My family has a property in Mudgee and I often make the detour through the Bylong just to take in its raw beauty. If this mine is approved the Valley will be destroyed along with its resources such as the rare fertile soil and the aquifers which are so precious in a time of water uncertainty.

I am 25 years old, and for the next several decades I want to be able to watch and help my beautiful country heal. If this mine is approved, we are taking yet another step back from healing and towards a country which will be changed beyond repair. This saddens me so very deeply. The decisions we all make at this time are going to have a huge impact on the future, but some decisions weigh much greater than others - such as YOUR DECISION. Please make the right one for current and future generations, and treat the intrinsic beauty of this country with the respect it so desperately deserves.

Yours Sincerely,

Harriet Ampt