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Subject: FW: KEPCO (Korean Electric Power Company) coal mine for the Bylong Valley
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Sent: Monday, 15 May 2017 11:51 AM
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Subject: KEPCO (Korean Electric Power Company) coal mine for the Bylong Valley

Dear Ms Hoskins

I am writing to you regarding the proposed KEPCO (Korean Electric Power Company) coal mine for the Bylong Valley in mid-west NSW. I understand the company has proposed to construct an open cut and underground coal mine in the valley that would last for 25 to 30 years.

As a family friend of the Pearse-Hawkins family, who have had a property in this valley for over 50 years, I am opposed to the proposal. The Bylong Valley is home to some of the most pristine parts of the Wollemi National Park. As it is in your and PAC's hands to decide whether this mine goes ahead, I believe it would be wrong to allow this project to go ahead. PAC, which purports to be an independent government organisation, should carefully consider how this will impact the Australian community in the short and long term.

This project would destroy the beauty of the Bylong valley. Valuable farming land would also be lost, aquifers would be destroyed, and the land would never properly recover. Coal is an unsustainable and environmental damaging source of power, and becoming a redundant form of power. Coal is a non-renewable resource, and Australia should be investing in alternative, renewable energy sources. It is difficult to conceive why any new coal mines should be approved.

To approve new coal mining projects in the current environmental climate, knowing what we do about renewable and non-renewable energy and their environmental impacts, is unreasonable. Further, I understand that the proposed mine cannot be adequately environmentally assessed as water supply, licensing and disposal have not yet been finalised.

I urge you not to approve the proposed coal mine. I care about the future sustainability of Australia and the environment. It is clear that the days of the coal industry are numbered. Please do not destroy the natural beauty of this area of Australia for the sake of a dying, destructive industry.

I confirm that I have not made a reportable political donation or gift within the period commencing two years before this submission was made.

Yours sincerely

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