

Submission Opposing BYLONG COAL PROJECT SSD 6367

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(Please publish name and address)

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to oppose the above development on the grounds that the environmental long term consequences of the proposal far outweigh any benefits in the short term.

The project will cause the loss of 319 hectares of strategic agricultural land and nearly 700 hectares of equine quality land.

The company KEPCO owns and controls nearly half the water in the Bylong resource and intends to redirect water from fertile areas to the open cut mine. This is totally unacceptable. This is the worst example of misuse of valuable water resources and must not be considered in any respect.

It is feared that neighbouring bores may also be needed to continue mining in very dry conditions.

The Wiradjuri heritage areas have already suffered significant damage from nearby mining and the OEH is warning of "permanent intergenerational consequences" if the loss continues.

Critical areas exist for the protection of the endangered Regent Honeyeater in the Mudgee-Wollar region and so it is critical that these areas remain.

Remaining property owners will be left isolated and financially disadvantaged as is also the case with the Wilpinjong proposal. KEPCO should not be allowed to use their large landholder portfolio as a lever to go ahead for mining. The land can always be sold back to buyers, particularly horse breeders etc. The Department should be very wary of this scenario.

Heavy mine traffic is proposed to travel through Munghorn Gap Nature reserve and Wollar village between Bylong and Mudgee. Road conditions are poor and road safety will be threatened by massive daily mine traffic. This is of real concern.

We ask that all of these issues be seriously taken into account as those of other submitters against the mine proposal.

Yours faithfully

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