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SUBMISSION TO THE PLANNING ASSESSMENT COMMISSION (PAC) ON THE BYLONG COAL PROJECT

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

My wife's family has owned a beef cattle property in the Bylong Valley since the 1970's and I go there regularly to help with the farming activities. From my observation over the years I have become aware of the precarious nature of the groundwater water supply for cattle and domestic purposes. During long dry spells there is always uncertainty about the availability of a reliable and enduring supply of groundwater. As I understand, this is one of the major issues for farmers in the Bylong Valley. The Bylong Valley is prime agricultural land which needs a reliable water supply in order to be sustained.

There is no certainty that there is enough water in the valley for the mines to operate without taking water from the other existing water users in the valley, who are already experiencing uncertainty about their groundwater supply.

Finally, the proposed Bylong Coal Project is a retrograde step. 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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