Dear PAC Commissioner,

I would like to register my objection to the Wallarah 2 long wall coal mine on the Central Coast of NSW. I believe we need to retain the natural environment of the vital water catchment. The projected growth of population in the area, that benefits from the water supplied from the aquifers that will be damaged needs to be considered. Water is essential to the growth and development of the Central Coast, the Wallarah 2 long wall coal mine will make the availability of this valuable resource insecure. Land values will be negatively affected, an unjust prospect for those who have worked hard to procure their homes.

Health of the population will be adversely affected by decreased water and air quality, creating a further burden on the health system and society in general, with lowered productivity. The ongoing uncertainty over the project imposes costs on the community.

As a result of the uncertainty of the proposed coal mine and its potential impact on their health, property value, business and water source, the people are experiencing serious social, financial and psychological costs.

The proposal should be rejected.

Regards,

Alison Mortiss.