Re: Wallarah 2 Coal Project SSD 4974 Amended Development Application

In addition to my submission below submitted on 1 September 2016, I would like to add some comments following my attendance at the PAC hearing on 5 April 2017.

To some extent I regret the angry tone of the submission below, however it does reflect the absolute frustration I and many of the opponents feel regarding the seemingly endless proposal of this project until Kores receives the approval it must expect.

To approve the mine with conditions so stringent that adherence would seem impossible to achieve would not allay concerns that Kores (or the new lessee) would fail to adhere to the conditions without penalty, nor would it allay concerns that there would be a successful appeal to water down the conditions.

The fact remains that the operation of the proposed mine would lead to an unknown level of environmental damage to the aquifers that feed into the Central Coast's water supply. The fact remains that the growing local population would breathe coal dust from loader operations and from uncovered coal being transported along the rail line. Approval of the proposal by the PAC will indicate that the PAC finds these abominations acceptable.

Sincerely, Beryn Jewson,

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From: Wallarah 2 Coal Project SSD 4974 Amended Development Application

I object to the Amended Development Application for the Wallarah 2 coal mine. The amended application does not prevent the fact that the Central Coast’s water supply would be compromised. Nor does it prevent the fact that the people in the suburbs along, and beyond, the coal rail line would have to breathe the coal dust from this mine for 28 years.

That the mine is opposed by the Central Coast Water Corporation should be enough for the PAC to reject this mine.

There would appear to be a determination by the Baird Government to make this mine possible. How generous of NSW Roads and Maritime Services to help get around the Darkinjung block!

I am amazed this project is still being put forward. The Baird Government should be ashamed to allow the possibility that the Central Coast’s water supply could be compromised, or think it’s ok for the people in the suburbs along the coal line to breathe the coal dust. Maybe they think it’s ok
for the suburbs in a Labor or low socio-economic electorate? One also has to wonder if the Federal Government’s “water trigger” would be applied considering which electorates would be affected.

I not only object to the project, I object to having to spend my time making a submission again. This project shouldn’t even be on the table. Labor knocked it back in 2011. The Baird Government are way behind the times, using the PAC under the guise of independence, when the whole process is geared in favour of mining approvals. Even now in the mining bust.

Maybe Nathan Tinkler can buy the mine from the Korean Government if the PAC approves it.

Yours faithfully

Beryn Jewson