Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to vehemently oppose the Wallarah 2 Coal Mine Proposal. I have many concerns about this proposal, but the main one concerns the threat to the Central Coast's water supply. During the 7 years of drought earlier this century, we endured severe water restrictions and paid for water to be piped from the Hunter region. The Wyong valleys, from under which the mine would extract coal, are critical to the water supply for the entire Central Coast with its large and growing population. We cannot take risks with this essential resource for the short term financial gain of a coal mining company.

I am also very concerned about the health impacts on the community from the noise, dust and light pollution that residents close to the proposed loading facility would be forced to ensure 24 hours a day, for 7 days a week. The physical and mental health impacts would be significant and detrimental.

Finally, while we need jobs on the Central Coast, we need jobs that move us towards the use of renewable energy and a positive future rather than jobs which continue to pollute our world.

Yours sincerely,

Cath Connor