Submission on the WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT (SSD 4974)

Dear Planning Assessment Commission,

I am vehemently opposed to the Wallarah 2 Coal Project for the following reasons.

1) The Central Coast fresh water supplies are still under threat from the Wallarah 2 proposal. Recent drought conditions indicate the need to protect the valleys from a proposal that would adversely affect the water supply of the Central Coast.

2) There is still a real threat to human health from air pollution and dust, and this issue has not been adequately dealt with by the mining company.

3) Subsidence in the Hue Hue subdivisions and the valley region affecting 245 properties plus further infrastructure is not adequately addressed. The proponent has not established an extraction plan that is confident that subsidence is kept to a minimum.

4) Salty brine disposal into the Wallarah Creek system and eventually into Budgewoi Lake, as suggested in the EIS consultants report is destined to have an adverse environmental effect.

5) There has still not been adequate public consultation. If there had been, the proposal would be withdrawn on the basis of strong opposition from the local community, who have very real and legitimate concerns.

I call upon the PAC to reject the mine proposal outright.

Thank You

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