Hi, I may be a bit late to send this but here it is:

_I understand that the Korean-owned controversial Wallarah 2 Coalmine is yet again in the local news at it’s 'determination phase' with a local NSW Planning and Assessment Commission hearing on the 3rd November - when will this abomination ever go away???

Our planners have led us to believe that the pressures of population growth will mean that our Central Coast urban area will one day join up with Greater Newcastle. If this mine plan goes ahead then it will be in the middle of this expansion - 42 years of coal dust, noise, salt pollution and questionable water security.

'But the mine is deep underground' the proponents say. They say the water tables will not be disturbed significantly. Plans show the proposed coal loader will be just 1-2 kms from the existing Blue Haven suburb. If the plan goes ahead this pollution will be in the middle of the inevitable northern suburban expansion.

Green and clean and attractive - I don't think so. Where is the 'precautionary principle'?

_Stop it now._

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