

NSW Planning and Assessment Commission

Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St

Sydney 2000

Submission on the Wallarah2 Coal project (SSD4974)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are owners of 2 properties located on Dooralong Rd, Dooralong and pretrain, rehabilitate and spell over a hundred thoroughbred racehorses. One farm has a large dam emerging from the previous State Forest and the other farm is watered by a number of springs that connect to a small creek that eventually runs in to Jiliby Creek. The farms employ up to 20 staff on a full time and casual basis. As we have been in drought conditions for months, the water levels are currently very low on both farms.

If coal is mined under these properties, using the longwall method, we fear that as has happened in many other farming regions in Australia and other countries, the water table will disappear and our source of water for not only the animals' drinking but also irrigation to keep the grass sweet. With no ground water our investment of several million dollars will be lost and the farms cease to operate.

Other concerned owners of land in our valleys will comment on other issues raised by the ACA and we also agree with their position, however the loss of fresh water is our chief concern.

The Commission are reminded of the 685 submissions already registered on this application.

Yours faithfully,

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