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To The NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC),

I am writing on behalf of our community group Our Blue Dot to voice our disgust and condemnation of the proposed Russell Vale Mine.

At a time when we should be looking urgently to safeguard our future through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuing the Russell Vale mine is irresponsible and nonsensical in the extreme.

The mine will have proximate harms such as particulate pollution harming the respiratory health of the Illawarra community. Alarmingly it also threatens the security of Sydney's water supply.

Future harms include adding to the irreversible destruction of our planet's ecosystems and extinction of numerous animal species through climate change. All of this adds to the insecurity and destruction of all our children's futures.

It is inconceivable to us that in this era of climate change, and with the existence already of new and better energy technologies, such an irresponsible short term perspective is pushing for this coal mine to proceed.

We from Our Blue Dot strongly urge the NSW IPC to reject the Russell Vale mine outright.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Sophie Scamps - Founder and Director of Our Blue Dot

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