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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to voice my deepest concerns with regard to the abovementioned. The Illawarra – and indeed the South Coast at large – relies heavily on tourism. It's a travesty to see our natural wonders being threatened and ruined by "progress" or "necessity" when the gain isn't of any great advantage.

Please take into consideration the following when making your decision:

The location of the new mining pits threatens the ecology of the Minnamurra River. The river plays host to many different fish species who come into the river to breed. The Bangalay and Sand Trees are also within the proposed mining area and face destruction if the proposal is approved. Needless to say, these species are part of a listed endangered ecological community.

There is also the threat of a toxic bloom being disturbed. This bloom is in the water table and found at the old Minnamurra Land Fill Site.

The transport of the fill is another major concern. The local roads are ill-equipped to carry the heavy-laden earth movers and the noise and dirt created by same would cause their own set of problems.

The most concerning of all issues is the disturbance of Aboriginal artifacts in the area and sites that hold great significance to the Aboriginal People. These sites are threatened with destruction should the proposal go ahead. So much of this country's history has already been lost. We need to preserve what we can, so our children – and theirs – can learn about this magnificent land.

Boral itself has stated it can recycle glass to achieve what they need. It's just easier to dredge our natural environment to achieve the same result. No doubt shareholders profits come into play, but it can't always be about that. We all need to be guardians of our natural environment. We should protect it at all costs. We need to come up with innovative ways to achieve the same goals without raping and pillaging our land.

I find it interesting if anyone is caught removing a single mangrove tree in the river, they are fined an exorbitant amount of money. Yet, here we are, looking down the

barrel at something so much worse, with repercussions that will reverberate into the decades to follow.

Please keep this in mind as you navigate the proposed amendment to the sandmining proposal.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Your truly,  
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