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To whom it concerns,  
I have visited the Bylong Valley which is a beautiful farming valley.

The gateway certificate is all about the impact of this coal mine on the strategic farmland and precious productive groundwater of the Bylong Valley.

The certificate was given a 5-year used-by-date for a reason: because we can't just give mining companies open-ended open gates to our best farmland.

The Commission should stick to its first instincts and tell KEPCO it must go back to the soil and water scientists for a new gateway certificate.

The Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land at Bylong is too precious to mine, and there is simply no credible evidence that these extraordinary soils can be restored after mining.

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 refers specifically to the protection of strategic agricultural land in one of its aims.

Yours sincerely,  
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