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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

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**Submission**

Hello Director Energy and Resources Policy,

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If coal mining was allowed in this area I would not make the trip. I travel the distance I do from California each year because of the unique beauty and peace of this area.

I am concerned about the impact coal mining would have on the region from a number of angles.

Coal is not the way of the future and should not be a choice the government makes for the present.

How could I support a government that invested in this kind of shortsighted activity just to squeeze out more income? Coal is not the way of the future. The evidence is already clear.

The NSW government has it's own net-zero goal. Coal does not help towards this goal.

Reports and agencies all show that the demand for coal is FALLING.

The world wide trend is to move to sustainable energy sources.

Sincerely  
[REDACTED]

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Mining affects local economy. The proposed Hawkins Rumker coal release areas cover approximately 32,700 ha of land. There will be a loss of agricultural lands and productive agricultural lands would be dug up or left fallow.

Some of my favorite places to go to or buy products are based on these agricultural lands. When I visit the area I like to eat products from these small bussiness including olive groves, beef and sheep farms, restaurants, cafes that cook with local produce and food stuffs, and the small shops. I do not come to see coal mines.

Sincerely  
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One of the worst impacts of mining would be the air, water, soil and noise pollution. It's terrible and are not confined just to the immediate mining area. The pollution spills and affects a much wider area. For instance, air quality goes down due to coal dust from blasting, mining and transporting coal.

Underground mines must bring the coal to the surface which disturbs many aspects of the ecosystem. This includes more traffic, and bigger and heavier vehicles on the area's roads.

In terms of people's health, mining creates high rates for respiratory and cardiac conditions in surrounding communities.

Coal is not the way of the future and should not be a choice the government makes for the present.

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Part of the uniqueness of this area are the Aboriginal heritage sites within the areas. Mining could damage these art and ceremonial sites. Even though they are not officially documented, they exist.

Significant sites have already been destroyed by mining in other parts of Australia.

Coal is not the way of the future and should not be a choice the government makes for the present.

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Regarding the plant and animals of the area, this is part of what I find so beautiful in this area. I love seeing the monitor lizards, seeing and hearing the birds and their calls, and the trees.

There are a lot of endangered flora and fauna species as well as endangered ecological communities which mining inevitably impacts.

Some of my favorite parts are the riparian meadows and swamps and I have not found these elsewhere in my travels. They are unique and should be protected.

Not to mention, mining is UGLY. Unsightly and ugly.

Coal is not the way of the future and should not be a choice the government makes for the present.

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Water is a major concern due to it being a precious resource. Mining impacts water resources like underground aquifers, and water supply in rivers, creeks etc! And once it is gone, that can be forever.

From researching what is proposed in this area, there is strong evidence to suggest that the water supplies for a number of towns would be affected.

In addition, given the drought I saw the area go through recently, this area can not afford to lose any water to mining activities!

Coal is not the way of the future and should not be a choice the government makes for the present.

Sincerely  
[REDACTED]

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Ennis, Ireland V95 N7XH

**Submission**

I am shocked and disappointed that there are plans to explore the Hawkins/Rumker area. I, and my husband have both spent time there, combining both holidays and Yoga/meditation retreats. We both plan to return as soon as COVID related travel difficulties are resolved.

It is an area of pristine natural beauty. I find it difficult to understand why the destruction of such a landscape would be considered especially when there is a G7 commitment to cut supports for carbon burning fuels, coal in particular, by 2021. In addition to this recognition, is the urgent need to stop global warming and an essential part of this a transition to renewable energies. The gain from allowing coal mining here can only be short-term, while the loss to the community and the bio diversity will be long term and detrimental, fracturing the capacity of local business to continue to thrive and develop in a way that supports and enhances healthy community development.

Mining has traditionally benefited the mining companies with most of the profits leaving the area while impacting water quality, and even supply. In addition to causing pollution, mines damage the geology that allows aquifers to contain reservoirs of water that sustain the local communities and environment. Once an aquifer is damaged that resource is lost.

It concerns me that this planned Provisional Regional Issues Assessment is the route taken to assess the viability of the proposed mine. I understand that it does not incorporate any on the ground assessment of the environmental, social and community impact of mining.

In this day and age when there is so much precedent of the damage caused by coal mining, whether open cast or underground, I appeal to you to stop this process, keeping the health of the local communities, which I love and cherish through the time I have spent there, and global health of the planet - through global warming - in your minds.

[REDACTED]  
Irish citizen, Global citizen and  
Tourist of the area

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Submission**

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in opposition to the Hawkins Rumker area being opened for coal exploration.

While I live in the United States, I have been a visitor of NSW and the Rylstone area and would like to continue to do so in the future. I have friends who live in the region and I have visited to take part in nature-based retreats.

At a time when each country and community must commit to more aggressive actions to combat climate change and its devastating impact on human, animal and plant life I am surprised that a progressive state like NSW would be interested in such regressive practices as coal mining. This goes against your own net-zero goal. At this critical juncture, we need our governments to oppose new oil, coal and gas development and invest in sustainable energy resources.

Among a number of issues, I am especially concerned about the social and health implications. Poor air quality, and water, soil and noise pollution are a detriment to humans, as well as native flora and fauna. Industrialization of a pristine nature reserve simply does not make sense in 2021 or any year moving forward, not when we are all already suffering from the detrimental impacts of climate change.

For my part, I will not return and would discourage others from visiting as well should the plans move forward. I urge you to reconsider the coal exploration plans and to end them.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**First name**

Helen

**Last name**

Johnston

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

North Balgowlah

**Submission**

Shame on this government to even think about new coal exploration.

Climate change is acknowledged worldwide; Canada Mongolia California Germany are just a few countries acknowledging right now crises resulting from a warming planet.

Show respect and compassion and be a leader in promoting reusable energy for this state AND for the sake of the environments and people all over the WORLD... please.

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
2795

**Submission**  
No more coal, it's environmental vandalism. ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE NOW!!!! This project will be made unviable with further technological improvements regarding alternate energy sources. NO MORE MINES!!!

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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**Name**

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Elizabeth

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Hooper

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2850

**Submission**

No more mines!! Three has already decimated the heritage of the area no more!!! It's a dying industry anyway!! Dont be an idiot, jump onto renewables so you aren't left behind and stop killing the land

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Name**

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Philip

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McCrea

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Haberfield

**Submission**

I object strongly to the expansion of coal mining in NSW, or anywhere else for that matter, for several reasons:

1. The mining is likely to damage culturally sensitive aboriginal sites.
2. Coal mining requires huge amounts of water, which is becoming more scarce. Our rivers already do not have enough water.
3. The coal mines are likely to become stranded assets within a few years, as renewables completely make fossil fuel based energy uneconomic, in which case we the public will likely be called on to remediate the mines.
4. Most importantly, experts tell us we must NOT commence any more fossil fuel projects to have any chance of maintaining a temperature increase of 1.5 degrees by 2050.

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**Submission**  
Really! Another coal mine. Wow, I knew Australia was backwards thinking, but this is getting ridiculous.

Pull your heads in, grow up and come up with intelligent solutions.

You guys so suck. Go check out friendlyjordies he might be able to give you some moral pointers.

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

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**Submission**

Stop destroying the environment and cultural heritage of Australia for something that makes zero financial sense long term. Invest in renewables and preserve what little we have left. Make money for longer in a more popular and less destructive way. Water, habitat, culture... these are things you cannot replace.

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Justin

**Last name**

Wright

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No

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**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Springfield 2250

**Submission**

No more coal! We need to end using fossil fuels NOW!

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Submission**

To whom it may concern,  
Releasing these areas for coal exploration will do enormous damage to the climate, local Aboriginal heritage and water and land. I urge that this proposal be abandoned.

[Redacted]

**I agree to the above statement**

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Jill

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
Bilgola 2107

**Submission**  
The is so wrong. Please stop this.

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Stephen

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Fortescue

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Glenbrook 2773

**Submission**

Submission to public consultation

Mining release – Areas 11 (Hawkins) and 12 (Rumker)

I wish to oppose the release of the proposed areas for coal mining, under the headings: significant environmental concerns, and potential and immediate impacts on local communities.

• Significant environmental concerns

Impact of coal burning on the global environment. While I accept that the rapid closure of existing coal mines is a difficult task on social and economic grounds, regardless of the very negative contribution of coal burning on the global environment, it is foolish in the extreme to be contemplating opening new mines or expanding existing ones.

Local environmental impact of coal mining. I note that Area 12 (Rumker) borders the Wollemi National Park (and that the same can be said for Area 13, which although not included in this current consideration for release is shown as open for future consideration). The environmental/wilderness values of the Park are affected by the condition of the country on its boundaries, visually as one approaches the Park and as one looks westwards from it. The current agricultural nature of the areas under consideration, while hardly wilderness, are compatible with the boundaries of a wild Park such as Wollemi. Coal mines are not.

Although I claim no special knowledge of sub-surface geology around the rivers and creeks of the areas under consideration, I am well aware of subsidence problems in similar country that have led to loss of water flow in creeks and rivers. This is an unacceptable risk in such challengingly dry country.

• Potential and immediate impacts on local communities

The local environmental impact just outlined is also an impact on local communities. But to those impacts I would add:

Use of road transport. One should not be encouraging the widespread use of truck transport on broad environmental grounds. The impact of such transport on local communities is even more immediate and obvious. The trucks produce noise and dust and wreck the roads, as well as representing a hazard on what are often narrow roads in poor condition (that is not a criticism of the truck drivers).

Visual impact on residents and visitors. The areas being considered are attractive places, through which it is a pleasure to drive and to linger – Scenic Routes are offered to encourage us to do so. I am always uncomfortable arguing that developments of this sort should not go ahead because more money can be made from tourism – tourism has its own costs, and there are environmental values that should not be subjected to commercial calculation. Nevertheless, in this case the negative impact of coal mining on the general attractiveness of the area would negatively affect tourism and therefore the livelihoods of local residents that cater for it.

In conclusion, I recognise that not everything in a large and complex economy can be 'smart' and 'green'. But coal mines on the edges of National Parks, in areas where people live and visit, make no sense at all.

Stephen Fortescue 21 July 2021

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2070

**Submission**

[REDACTED] Lindfield ; N.S.W. ; 2070 ; 21st July 2021

Submission to Hawker Rimmer Preliminary Regional Assessment Issue

We are the parents of of the principal of a business operating on a property in the vicinity of Rylstone

The recent decision in the action brought by ICAC in the Obeid /Hamilton case regarding exploration in the Bylong Valley emphasises the importance of a fully public. In our opinion the communication with the community has not met the required standards of timeliness and openness to enable local residents to properly consider the proposal.

The financial benefits from mining would flow principally to the State government ( royalties ) and the mining company ( profits ). There is no methodology to demonstrate that town residents and local rural landowners would be fairly compensated for economic and lifestyle loss.

Further and better information is required with respect to the impact of mining activities on:

water resources  
road and rail traffic  
air pollution  
housing affordability

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Birkinshaw

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No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2430

**Submission**

Dear whomever,

I read this with absolute dismay.

What are you people trying to do, destroy everything?

The area under question has, as you know, the only stand of Wollomi Pines in EXISTENCE in their natural state.

Which, as you already know, was only saved from the fires quite recently thanks to devoted people.

Yet here you are, not only ignoring Climate recommendations by scientists but ignoring the people!!

I find it a disgrace how a few, with only money on their minds, can risk the future for our current and future generations.

Graham

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Bathurst 2795

**Submission**

To the Director of Energy and Resource Policy,

Re:

Submission for the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

As a Bathurst resident and keen bush walker I understand and appreciate the importance of preserving areas of natural bushland, forest and scenic beauty for now and for future generations.

The Rylstone region has priceless areas of land that provide natural beauty for locals and tourists. The health of the Rylstone community, the water, the wildlife and the Aboriginal heritage must all be protected.

The Femtree Gully walk is in a unique pocket of rainforest that must be protected from being destroyed forever.

I hereby submit my sincere request that the Rylstone region be protected from further exploration of coal and approval of mines.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Kelso 2795

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Suttor

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Rylstone

**Submission**

Director Energy and Resource Policy,  
 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
 Locked Bag 502  
 Parramatta NSW 2124

**Lincoln Suttor**

[REDACTED]  
 Rylstone NSW 2849

20 July 2021

Submission for the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

I am against the proposed Hawkins Rumker coal exploration. My reasons and how it will impact me are outlined below.

I am 27 years of age and have been living in the area since I was born. I've grown up with the Wolllemi National Park as a backyard and I believe my future children and grandchildren deserve to grow up in the same place with the same mountains and heritage.

**Water**

The one thing this region has been good for since the first fleet arrived in Australia is farming. The mine in bylong, Kepco, was just denied after they could not prove they would not negatively affect the water source in the direct and surrounding areas.

One of the greatest threats is to our region's precious water supplies. This area is rich in natural springs and bores. Exploration and mining can have significant impacts on the water resources of a local area. Drilling can crack and drain underground aquifers. Once the water is gone, it is lost forever.

To have another submission be placed, and even reviewed seems absolutely dumbfounding for this reason. This application, shouldn't have made it past the paperwork stage. Its common sense.

Open cut and underground coal mines have caused water contamination and have destroyed biodiversity in waterways.

The Rylstone Dam catchment is in the proposed exploration areas. The upper catchment of the Cudgegong River feeds into the water supplies of Rylstone Dam and Windamere Dam. The Hawkins Rumker proposed release areas threaten the water supply for the towns of Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon and Clandulla; water flow to Mudgee may also be negatively impacted.

Without water, there is no life. There are no communities. There is no agriculture, no tourism, nothing to fight bushfires with.

**Flora and Fauna**

There are a lot of endangered flora and fauna species as well as endangered ecological communities which could be lost. NSW BioNet has recorded 293 threatened or endangered species in the Mid-Western Regional Council LGA.

Waterways would be disturbed or destroyed, and this would lead to a loss of fish habitat and threatened fish species.

The riparian meadows along Reedy Creek and Breakfast Creek<sup>16</sup> could be lost. The Swamp Grassland and Sphagnum Bog in the central part of Coxs Creek is thoroughly unique<sup>16</sup> and would be under threat.

Mines would transform our beautiful area into an unsightly, industrialised one and negatively impact on the value of the amazing World Heritage area on our doorstep.

**Aboriginal Heritage**

There are a significant number of Aboriginal heritage sites within the areas, including art and ceremonial sites, that are at risk. We have a duty as a

nation to protect these sites.

Significant sites have already been destroyed by mining and our laws are inadequate to protect these sites.

#### Social & health implications

Air, water, soil and noise pollution, do not stay within the boundaries of the coal mining sites.

The neighbouring Hunter Valley is now a pollution 'hotspot' and has some of the highest rates for respiratory and cardiac conditions in NSW.

There would be a lot more traffic, including heavy vehicles on our local and rural roads. Traffic incidents increase from mine workers travelling to and from work. The quality of our roads is already very poor and they are not suited to increased or heavy load traffic. Historically, mines in this council area have been loath to put money into fixing any traffic issues created by their presence.

Noise and vibration will dramatically increase with blasting, heavy earthmoving equipment and machinery operating in the mines 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and by coal being transported out on trains and trucks running through our towns.

Trains and trucks are not covered and the coal dust and associated pollution from transporting the coal can travel for kilometres.

Mines can be associated with increased rates of alcohol and drug abuse, violence, sexual assaults, and other crimes in adjoining communities.

Health effects are already being felt as people experience anxiety and stress about the threat to their region and economic stability.

I wish my name to be withheld from the PRIA submission site: yes

Conclusion, this is beyond my reach for putting in nice terms, the days of coal are out and so are you if you decide to push this forward

Yours sincerely,  
Lincoln Suttor

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Helen

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Clemens

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Lilyfield NSW 2040

**Submission**

Proposed coal exploration and mining, Hawkins Rumker, Rylstone area

I totally oppose this proposal. The NSW government should focus on renewable energy development and do as the IEA has warned us to do, stop new fossil fuel extraction projects. The global average temperature increase due to human use of fossil fuels is 1.3C already, at 4.19 ppm CO2, and we are already experiencing and witnessing billions of dollars worth of losses, catastrophic loss of ecosystems and species, lives and livelihoods destroyed, settlements wiped out round the world as well as here. This is a global problem and rich countries should be the first to decarbonise and support less wealthy countries to do so. You surely can't have forgotten the 2019/20 bushfires, and only this week we're hearing more about the impacts of bushfire smoke on health.

The area in this proposal is part of a very largely intact landscape with almost two-thirds of it covered in native vegetation and currently supporting more than 10% of listed or potentially threatened ecological communities. There are several records of Koalas in the Hawkins area. A scientific study undertaken by BioLink found that 71% of Koala populations had been lost in six fire-affected areas in northern NSW after the catastrophic 2019/2020 bushfires so further destruction of potential habitat for koalas is unacceptable. Other important species recorded in Hawkins-Rumker include the critically endangered Regent honeyeater and the nationally-endangered Spotted-tailed quoll, which is reliant on large, intact habitats with old growth elements to survive.

The area contains high value waterways, covering over 63km of creeks in good or moderate stream condition, which are fragile to disturbance. It includes headwater streams of the Cudgegong River in good condition. These form part of the Macquarie River catchment in the Murray Darling, and the upper catchments of the Goulburn River, which flows into the Hunter and thence to the coast.

To the north east, the Rumker release area runs along 33km of the border of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Concern has already been raised at the World Heritage Centre and IUCN about the potential impacts of eight mining operations on the boundaries of the site.

The proposed mining area is a rugged area, valued for its beauty, its natural values and its heritage including Aboriginal rock art sites. Future generations will curse decisions made today in full knowledge of the catastrophic impacts that further CO2 emissions will have in coming decades. This isn't just the wrong place to put coal mines, it's very much the wrong thing to do anywhere now.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone Airpark, Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I wish to strongly object to the proposed coal exploration in the Rumker and Hawkins regions.

I have been visiting and living in the region for 5 years.

My property is located at Rylstone Airpark aerodrome (adjacent to the subject areas). We provide an essential facility (free of charge) to various emergency service aircraft such as Fire fighting, National Parks, Police and Medical.

I firmly believe that the PRIA process is being rushed through and NO inclusive consideration is being given to the surrounding communities who have invested both financially and emotionally in their respective properties. It appears to me that the PRIA process is basically a 'box ticking' exercise so that any potential future exploration approvals by Government can be somewhat justified by having carried out "public consultation" even though the vast majority of locals with whom I have spoken with are vehemently against the grant of any exploration rights.

I would very much like to be reassured that the process is anything but otherwise.

The points for major consideration, and the basis for my objections are....

- Extreme potential for damage to the local water aquifers and water supplies.
- Major impact on health from the associated pollution such as dust, noise etc.
- Lack of consideration of the Indigenous heritage in the areas.
- Extensive loss of prime agricultural and farming land.
- Potential desecration of wildlife (both flora and fauna) habitat.
- Major impact to the Rylstone, Kandos, Lue communities infrastructure with massive increases in road truck traffic and the eventual introduction of coal trains.
- It is well known that coal mining is being phased out worldwide and Australia will eventually be pressured to commit to Zero Emissions. The coal mined from this area will potentially be exported with absolutely NO benefit to anyone other than the multi national mining companies.
- Mining companies have a very poor track record for compliance and readily pay any \$\$ fines / penalties which are obviously factored into their bottom line.
- It has been shown time and time again that mining companies very rarely repatriate / restore their mining sites, leaving terrible legacies for future generations.

I implore you to give this wonderful hard working community and it's surrounds a fair hearing and NOT fall prey to the machinations of solely profit based enterprises, no matter how cleverly they spin their apparent justifications.

Please consider the future with a moral conscience - and not what may be a legally justified rushed attempt for profit at all costs in 2021.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Yours faithfully,  
 [REDACTED]

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Yes

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**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Warralee 2074

**Submission**

Dear Advisory body for strategic release

I wish to object to the proposal for the opening of the Hawkins and Rumker land for coal exploration.

There should not be any new coal mines in NSW. There are more than enough coal reserves in the existing mines. More disturbance to agricultural land and groundwater supply near Rylstone and Mudgee in a time of climate change must not happen.

Therefore for economic and environmental reasons this should not happen.

yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**I agree to the above statement**

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
3051

**Submission**  
This plan has no place in my future as a young Australian. Please please please don't do this to our home

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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**Name**

**First name**  
Leonardo

**Last name**  
Gasparre

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
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**Submission**  
Leo Gasparre  
[REDACTED]  
Rozelle 2039  
[REDACTED]

As a resident of Sydney I am angered to learn that one of the few areas of wilderness easily accessible to us is facing the threat of new coal mines being opened or expanded adjacent to National Parks, in particular the Wollemi NP which was so terribly affected by the bushfires only 12 months ago. Surely it is madness to put any further stress upon these increasingly vulnerable places. Is the irony not lost on decision makers that these areas so devastated by climate change should be further degraded by the very fossil fuels that are driving the devastation. The Wollemi NP has world class heritage value as identified by many scientific studies. Earth Scape Consulting have identified a very large number of Aboriginal Heritage sites, 22 fauna and 6 flora species on the extensive 327 square kilometre area of the Hawkins/ Rumker site. Almost a quarter of this total includes potentially threatened ecological communities. There is a lot spoken by our decision makers about a desire to arrive at a Net Zero position by 2050. Approving these projects exposes the true agenda and begs the question why are we beholden to this industry. I regularly use the Wollemi for recreation but much more importantly as a resident of Sydney I use this sacred place to reconnect with this beautiful country. It's importance can not be understated. Do not allow these places to be continually degraded.  
Leo Gasparre

**I agree to the above statement**

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**First name**

Nigel

**Last name**

Burley

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No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Fairlight 2094

**Submission**

To Whom It May Concern:

These lands are rich in Wiradjuri heritage. Publicly available data reveal 26 separately recorded sites including rock shelters with painted or engraved art, camp sites and grinding grooves.

The area is part of a very intact landscape with almost two-thirds of it covered in native vegetation and more than 10% known or potential threatened ecological communities.

The area contains high value waterways, covering over 63km of creeks in good or moderate stream condition, which are fragile to disturbance.

It includes headwater streams of the Cudgegong River in good condition, which is part of the Macquarie River catchment in the Murray Darling, and the upper catchments of the Goulburn River, which flows into the Hunter and thence to the coast.

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Other important species recorded in Hawkins-Rumker include the critically endangered Regent honeyeater and the nationally-endangered Spotted-tailed quoll, which is reliant on large, intact habitats with oldgrowth elements to survive.

Yours sincerely,

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**Name**

**First name**

Monica

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Fielder

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No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Coxs Creek, 2849

**Submission**

I live in the middle of the Rumker region which is flagged for coal exploration. I oppose this personally as we have made a home here. We started with nothing on the land and have dedicated over a decade of our best efforts, money and time to this place and region as an investment for not only our family, but generations to come. We have spent years gathering and transporting materials for building, business and recreation. It has come at great personal cost to our health. We counted the cost and decided to do this for our future. We have a plethora of natural resources that is our income and investment. We have accessed a spring on our property and have further plans for irrigation and stock for both business and personal use. Underground exploration cannot guarantee that the water supply remain as it is. We have worked very hard to research wind turbines and have begun set that up, we have bio methane production in its infancy, we have erected fencing to secure future stock. This land is worth far more than the coal on which it lies. Financial remuneration cannot guarantee us a life that we have already built. Environmental efforts cannot guarantee this unique and pivotal ecosystem remain unharmed. A coal mine cannot guarantee local jobs and the continuation of a thriving tourism industry. Please, expand existing coal mines if needs be.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

MUSWELLBROOK

**Submission**

I would be extremely concerned if further areas were to be opened for coal exploration, especially Hawkins Rumker. I have two main concerns:

1. Climate Change and the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions. Various reputable groups including the International Energy Agency have said that to reach net zero emissions by 2050 there can be no new coal development. To start exploring for coal now invites development in future, which we clearly cannot do if we are to have any chance of maintaining a safe climate.
2. The impact that coal mining would have on the other industries in the area, such as tourism, viticulture and agriculture. These rely on the scenic nature, clean air and availability of water in the area. Coal mining is not compatible with these extremely important industries for the area, as can be seen by their loss from areas such as the Hunter Valley where coal mining has come to dominate.

Thank you for considering these critical issues

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

NSW

**Submission**

Based on the recent fires and climate catastrophies that have happened on the East Coast, the opening of more land area for coal exploration is exactly the opposite of what should happen. We need to preserve habitats and ecosystems.

Especially looking at the recent ecological damage that has been done further north to not much economic benefit in coal production, it also doesn't make sense to keep desperately trying to find coal without much care for long-term impacts. I think this is a terrible idea.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Yes

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2021

**Submission**

I wish to express my concern for this proposal. Australia has some of the most diverse and unique wildlife, yet our extinction rates are alarmingly high (in fact, Australia has the highest rate of mammal extinction in the world). The negative environmental impacts of coal mining are huge and frankly there's no need for it. Australia should invest into renewable resources, rather than funnelling funding into coal (we're so well positioned to be a renewable energy leader yet our government seems to be stuck in the past!)

The future well-being of our country and our planet should be top priority, and frankly this proposal does not align with this.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2204

**Submission**

Dear NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and Advisory Body for Strategic Release,

I am writing with against the strategic release of the large areas that sit between Kandos and Rylstone and the western edge of the Wollemi National Park (numbered 11, 12, and 13 on the map). This is a very real threat and will compound the ongoing ramifications of climate change, and loss of land and waterways. This will no doubt also have negative impacts on agricultural land. There is a pressing imperative to be strategic about the future - plans such as these fail to account for the cost to future generations and non-human life. I implore you to reconsider these plans.

Regards,

[Redacted]

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Heidi

**Last name**

Caukwell

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

7000

**Submission**

No new coal.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Submission**

After years of opposition to coal exploration by KEPCO. After individuals, communities, organisations, political groups have spoken and stated their opposition to coal exploration in the Great Blue Mountains. The largest wilderness area in NSW is vulnerable to new coal exploration.

I do not believe these are the areas for new coal exploration. In 2021, nowhere is a place for new coal exploration.

The disappointment I feel that my government thinks this is appropriate action cannot be expressed in words.

Please, do not continue to explore coal in Bylong, in the Greater Blue Mountains, in NSW, in this country.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Cunningham

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Thirroul 2515

**Submission**

Dear Director Energy and Resources Policy,

(Note, I have provided my postcode as 2515 though spend considerable time at Olinda 2849)

I oppose the Hawkins and Rumker areas being opened for coal exploration.

I have spent my time between Sydney and Olinda, adjacent to the Hawkins Rumker area, for over 15 years. I am a researcher and engineer and have also managed adjacent to the Hawkins Rumker area. I have been part of the Rylstone and Olinda community and worked, lived-in, and explored the area. The warm, close and diverse community, the exceptional scenic value; the natural environment and the wildlife it supports; and the village centre of Rylstone are something I care about. The land and town also support a vibrant and diverse local economy. These elements will be irreversibly changed if coal exploration goes ahead in the area.

The visual amenity also provides a home to some significant flora and fauna. On our property we have a number of protected and threatened fauna, including Gang-Gang Cockatoo, Glossy Black Cockatoo, Scarlet Robin, Powerful Owl, Spotted-tailed Quoll and Yellow-bellied Glider. Below I outline my key concerns and reasons I ask the Department to not release the area (or other proposed adjacent areas) for exploration.

**\*Impacts on water and bushfires**

The environmental impacts of the mine are concerning. This includes threats to the Bylong River, connected groundwater, threats to other water users and agricultural production. Water access is an ongoing issue for farmers in the region. Like others in the region, the property I have worked on continued to struggle through the recent drought.

The drought meant the impacts of the recent bushfires were even worse. As it was, many farmers and residents in the area lost infrastructure, grazing land and bush in the recent fires. It's hard to imagine in this context that coal mining, an industry that consumes huge quantities of water and is linked to climate change and associated natural disasters, is being considered. People in the area are still recovering from the emotional trauma and physical damage from the bushfires. In this sense, the consideration of mining is poor, hurtful and divisive.

I am concerned about the spring fed dams on ours and other properties in the area. It's hard to imagine that in times of water scarcity and unpredictability we are considering an industry that consumes ~653 litres for each tonne of coal produced. What will happen in our next drought if there is a coal mine using so much of our water?

**\*Impacts on visual amenity**

The mine threatens the visual amenity of the area, and is part of a broader cumulative environmental and amenity impact of mining in the region which can be seen in nearby Mudgee. New coal mines risk transitioning the area from an exceptional area of farming, wineries, National Parks to a mining region. This comes with significant impacts: clearing, dust, noise, clearing etc.

The result is an impact on the environment and threats to the tourist and agricultural-based economy the area supports.

**\*Social and economic impacts**

I'm concerned about the social impacts of mining, particularly impacts on the social fabric of the area. This is field I specialise in. The social amenity of the area will be negatively impacted by the proposed mine should it go ahead. The unique natural environment also supports a similarly unique community of people. Mining may bring temporary jobs, mainly for people from outside the community. However, any potential jobs related to coal mining also come at significant costs. This includes a loss of social capital within the towns. Previous research on coal mines in smaller towns has shown the loss of care between citizens associated with mining. This is likely to be particularly the case in the area because of the recent trauma from bushfires. In addition, new mines are likely to place stress on the limited housing in the area, driving up prices and making the area unaffordable for the poor and vulnerable and people who have long-lived in the area.

On a personal note, I've seen in Mudgee how mining can take over the economy of a town and undermine the social fabric of a community. Unfortunately, the economy tends to shape itself around mining creating an economic and social polarisation. I believe it's partly to do with the inevitable disconnection with the land that supports us as it's subject to blasting, excavating, and polluting from mining activities. Experience in other locations show a focus on mining can be damaging, creating social dislocation along with impacts on the natural environment.

The mining industry is environmentally destructive, but people continue to work and value it as an industry often because it's viewed as the only option. Such impacts are socially destructive to a sense of place as well as distorting local economies. This is a potential risk in both Kandos and Rylstone, particularly with the predicted increase in population of mine staff. Impacts on social cohesion are not something that can be 'fixed' through community grants provided by mining companies. This does not offset the damage that is done. Companies like Kepco are ultimately concerned with international shareholder profits more so than the community which host their activities.

\*\*Coal = jobs" rhetoric ignores the diverse actual and potential local economy

Positive impacts from mining are generally economic focussed, creating jobs and economic inputs into a region. Although these are often "boom" or "bust" industries, I acknowledge jobs and economic inputs are an important outcome. Mining ignores the diverse skills, talents and natural, physical, heritage and cultural assets contained within the region, many of which are latent and could be leveraged as alternative and diverse forms of economic opportunities with limited support. Use and support of these assets can in turn support resilience and flourishing in a community. We are starting to see some of these in the region, for example, creative approaches to tourism, farming of unique crops, promotion of local food producers, and alternative energy production (solar farms) that emerge 'bottom-up'.

\*Coal has no future in the Australian economy nor in the region

An increasing amount of research and energy experts are highlighting the demise of coal as an energy source. At a macro scale it has a falling economic viability, it has and continues to contribute to global greenhouse emissions. There are other options to consider beyond an industry that's declining – one, because it's inefficient, there are cheaper and cleaner forms of energy available. Two, it has significant environmental impacts.

I would like our young people in the area to enjoy and be sustained by the land which has supported the community. I want our farmers to not be forced to battle a destructive, extractive industry after just going through the trauma of bushfires. I'd like the elders of the area to not see their community change drastically and their rents rise. As our government / public servant representatives, please rejecting any coal mining or exploration in the Hawkins Rumker and surrounding areas.

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**First name**

Viv

**Last name**

Armitage

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No

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**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Cooks Gap 2850

**Submission**

A semi-retired Bush Regenerator, I am a resident of the Mid Western Regional Council area and have been for twenty years. The Moolarben coal mine has since begun operations less than 10 kms from my home, so I am all too aware of the negative impacts on personal health of nearby residents and the health of surrounding ecosystems and biodiversity, and water table. Also the destruction of threatened species habitat at the mine site itself.

I am aware of the noise and pollution from coalmines. Build a coalmine and the mining traffic on our poor roads becomes immense and dangerous.

The greater Mudgee region cannot withstand more coal mines!

Therefore I am wholeheartedly opposed to any more coal explorations in this area.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**First name**

Ben

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Burdett

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2036

**Submission**

The NSW Government cannot approve any new fossil fuel exploration or extraction. The science is clear, and what's more, the impacts of global heating caused by the burning of fossil fuels is being felt exponentially all over the world. Decision makers know the science. There is nothing to attach here that you don't already know. Decision makers know the rest of the world is beginning to switch to renewables, and know that a new direction is best for the future of Australia on all fronts. The only question is whether the decision makers are brave enough to denounce and abandon their fossil fuel captors?

Yours faithfully,

Ben Burdett

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Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I am very concerned about the proposed coal mining exploration in our area. I strongly object to the destruction of the fragile environment which includes rare and protected fauna and flora. Its a very popular tourist destination, close to National Park and precious water springs and rivers. There are also significant Aboriginal and historical sites. On a personal side and the concern of several other property holders, we all have family burial grounds which we would be very unhappy to relinquish to mining.

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**Name**

**First name**

Angela

**Last name**

Slight

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No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2097

**Submission**

Dear Premier

As a citizen of NSW I feel at a loss in regard to your care for the environment. Why are we even considering releasing any area for coal let alone near Mudgee. I don't get it I try to think politicians are not fake or care. Why have you even considered fracking an inch of NSW, do you just turn a blind eye to the chemical and water use

These are mostly overseas companies as well. Are we wimps or strong and resourceful. There are other ways. Why not spend some time with the people you think are not your people or supporters. You would be an awesome Premier if you did. Blessing to you and your family. Good luck with COVID.

Angela Slight Ps my 81 year old mum is appalled with the lack of willingness to change. The answers are there. Ps also stop selling everything off, geez is there anything left. We could be an awesome leader state not outdated in energy systems. Oh well may my words matter to you. Ps

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Wendy

**Last name**

Curan

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Kandos

**Submission**

No coal mine for Rylstone.

No new coal mines anywhere sold off to overseas companies

Wendy Curan

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
Yes

**Info**

**Email**  
[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
2849

**Submission**  
I hate coal mines and want a renewable angry future for my kids

**I agree to the above statement**  
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Valentina

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Jones

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2849

**Submission**

As a local landholder who is passionate about our environment I am 100% against coal mining and the damage to our planet by the burning of coal. In addition. The destruction of native habitats including precious locations of unique flora and fauna is not acceptable. In 2021, we have had ample time to understand the effects of coal fired power stations and the burning of fossil fuels on our planet!

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**  
Stuart

**Last name**  
Moncrieff

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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2849

**Submission**

The Rylstone / Kandos area has had a long association with coal mining. And for many years local mining co existed with the environment, agriculture and tourism. These mines are now closed.

The proposed exploration area is of economic importance to the local economy providing income through agriculture and tourism. Mining would impact the landscape causing irreversible impacts.

The Wollemi National Park neighbours the exploration area. The bush outside of the national park is full of local indigenous cave paintings, carvings and protected flora and fauna. Mining would no doubt impact this delicate ecosystem.

For tourism, take a drive through the Hunter valley beyond the wineries, is it somewhere you want to visit?

For water resources, the Cox's creek starting in the Wollemi National Park feeds the Cudgegong River. The Cudgegong River is an arterial river for the Murray Darling Basin feeding the Macquarie River and communities in Western NSW. Mining will impact water quality and quantity causing environmental and economic impacts.

Coal is not the long term answer to our energy needs. Please consider the impact of this exploration and mining on the local environment and agriculture.

Regards

Stuart Moncrieff

**I agree to the above statement**

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Tony

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Hatch

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Perthville 2795

**Submission**

I am 75 years old now, so coal mining will have little effect on my remaining life. But I have children and grandchildren and the evidence is beyond doubt that burning fossil fuels will dramatically affect their livelihood. I also happen to enjoy this area for walking or driving through, and I would hate to see it reduced to the tragic scene that we must endure when driving through the Hunter Valley.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**Name**

**First name**

Chris

**Last name**

Maddox

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I would like to object to the proposed coal exploration in the Rumker and Hawkins regions.

I have been visiting and living in the region for 5 years.

My property is at Rylstone Airpark aerodrome (adjacent to the subject areas). We provide an essential facility (free of charge) to various emergency service aircraft such as Fire fighting, National Parks, Police and Medical.

I firmly believe that the PRIA process is being rushed through and NO inclusive consideration is being given to the surrounding communities who have invested both financially and emotionally in their respective properties.

It appears to me that the PRIA process is basically a 'box ticking' exercise so that any potential future exploration approvals by Government can be justified by having carried out the so called "public consultation".

I would very much like to be reassured that the process is anything but otherwise.

The points for major consideration, and the basis for my objections are....

- Extreme potential for damage to the local water aquifers and water supplies.
- Major impact on health from the associated pollution such as dust, noise etc.
- Lack of consideration of the Indigenous heritage in the areas.
- Extensive loss of prime agricultural and farming land.
- Potential desecration of wildlife (both flora and fauna) habitat.
- Major impact to the Rylstone, Kandos, Lue communities infrastructure with massive increases in road truck traffic and the eventual introduction of coal trains.
- It is well known that coal mining is being phased out worldwide and Australia will eventually be pressured to commit to Zero Emissions. The coal mined from this area will potentially be exported with absolutely NO benefit to anyone other than the multi national mining companies.
- Mining companies have a very poor track record for compliance and readily pay any \$\$ fines / penalties which are obviously factored into their bottom line.
- It has been shown time and time again that mining companies very rarely repatriate / restore their mining sites, leaving terrible legacies for future generations.

I would ask that you to give this wonderful hard working community and it's surrounds a fair hearing and NOT fall prey to the machinations of solely profit based enterprises, no matter how cleverly they spin their apparent justifications.

Please consider the future with a moral conscience and not what may be a legally justified rushed attempt for profit at all costs in 2021.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Maddox

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Rylstone Airpark 2849

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

If this proposal to open up new mines at this time was not so potentially devastating, it would have to be seen as laughable! Coal is no longer an industry with a future. Existing mines can provide for future requirements. We don't need to be investing in new ones. Our young people need opportunities and training which will help set them up for life, not send them into a dying industry, perpetuating failure.

It is the responsibility of government to care for the needs of its citizens. This proposal takes a growing and thriving community and sets it back 20 or 30 years into the past. It is a travesty of what a responsible and forward thinking government should be planning.

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) Hawkins Rumker Exploration Project identifies there are no real constraints to opening the area for exploration and mining. However, this is flawed in several ways. The document is dated August 2015, so needs to be updated. It has taken no account of local knowledge in its assessments of environmental and Aboriginal heritage issues. Speaking to locals who know the area well, it would appear that there are:

- a significant number of threatened species
- a significant number of undocumented Aboriginal heritage sites. These have been left undocumented at least partly to protect them from potential vandalism.

Before any further action is taken towards mining exploration it would be essential to allow further time for much deeper investigation of these serious issues.

It is also vital to consider that this is an area which has been severely impacted by recent devastating bushfires. Recovery of plants and wildlife will be slow and gradual. Any disturbance of this increasingly fragile and vulnerable ecosystem would be destructive and potentially disastrous for recovery.

Exploration and mining in this area also threatens our waterways, Rylstone Dam and precious natural springs.

Economic impacts are also likely to be huge. Our tourism and agriculture industries are continuing to blossom throughout the time the area has been moving away from mining. People now come here for our local food and wine, and outdoor pursuits. These are now our strengths and our reputation is based on them. The unnecessary reintroduction of mining to the area would have a very negative impact on our reputation as a clean green destination.

Any short term profits to be made from mining will flow predominantly to the mining company, not the community. The long term effects are negative and leave us damaged, not enhanced.

In conclusion, this mining proposal is short sighted. It is harmful to the future of the area by impacting the local economy, environment and heritage.

It is a move against current social and economic thinking, both nationally and internationally, which is towards transitioning us all away from coal. We want our government to take us forward, not back.

**I agree to the above statement**

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John

**Last name**  
Longworth

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No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

There are many very good reasons for the majority of the local community to vigorously appose "The Proposal" that large parts of the east of the Rylstone Shire become areas available for potential coal mining licenses.

I have read and fully support those submissions by others that object to "The Proposal" on the grounds of: environmental degradation, destruction of good agricultural land, loss of Sacred Site of the First Nations Peoples, etc. If "The Proposal" goes ahead any potential licensee would face years if not decades of costly legal battles before eventually starting to mine coal.

What a terrible financial waste not just for the local interested parties but also for the whole NSW community!

These legal struggles would go on for years and years and cost the combatants millions. The only winners are usually the legal teams. Then in the end a future government could decide to use taxpayer dollars to buy the licenses back. Note this has just happened!! Earlier in 2021 the NSW Government paid the Chinese Company Shenhua \$100million to scrap its plans for the Watermark open cut mine at Breeza near Gunnedah.

Why persist with "The Proposal" when the long-term future of coal exports are uncertain to say the least. The NSW Government does not need more coal leases - it is getting enough political flack from the current ones. Why waste political capital? Where are the votes in "The Proposal" to justify the political cost?

"The Proposal" is very bad politics at this time. Let's cancel the idea and use the available "political capital" on something that is more economically, socially, culturally, and environmentally beneficial (and popular).

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**Name**

**First name**  
Raymond

**Last name**  
Massa

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I wish to strongly object to the proposed coal exploration in the Rumker and Hawkins regions.

I have been visiting and living in the region for 15 years.

My property is located at Rylstone Airpark aerodrome (adjacent to the subject areas). We provide an essential facility (free of charge) to various emergency service aircraft such as Fire fighting, National Parks, Police and Medical.

I firmly believe that the PRIA process is being rushed through and NO inclusive consideration is being given to the surrounding communities who have invested both financially and emotionally in their respective properties.

It appears to me that the PRIA process is basically a 'box ticking' exercise so that any potential future exploration approvals by Government can be somewhat justified even though the vast majority of locals whom I have spoken with are vehemently against the grant of any exploration rights.

I would very much like to be reassured that the process is anything but otherwise.

The points for major consideration, and the basis for my objections are....

- Extreme potential for damage to the local water aquifers and water supplies.
- Major impact on health from the associated pollution such as dust, noise etc.
- Lack of consideration of the Indigenous heritage in the areas.
- Extensive loss of prime agricultural and farming land.
- Potential desecration of wildlife (both flora and fauna) habitat.
- Major impact to the Rylstone, Kandos, Lue communities infrastructure with massive increases in road truck traffic and the eventual introduction of coal trains.
- It is well known that coal mining is being phased out worldwide and Australia will eventually be pressured to commit to Zero Emissions. The coal mined from this area will potentially be exported with absolutely NO benefit to anyone other than the multi national mining companies.
- Mining companies have a very poor track record for compliance and readily pay any \$\$ fines / penalties which are obviously factored into their bottom line.

\_It has been shown time and time again that mining companies very rarely repatriate / restore their mining sites, leaving terrible legacies for future generations.

I implore you in the name of decency to give this wonderful hard working community and its surrounds a fair hearing and NOT fall prey to the machinations of profit based enterprises, no matter how they spin their apparent justifications.

Please consider the future with a moral conscience - and not what may be a legally justified rushed attempt for profit at all costs in 2021.

Yours faithfully,

Ray Massa

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 Rylstone Airpark 2849

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Name**

**First name**

Lawrence

**Last name**

Kurdi

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Granville 2142

**Submission**

To: Director Energy and Resources Policy  
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

I am a frequent visitor to and 'holiday resident' of the beautiful Dunns Swamp (an unfortunate name) and the nearby towns of Kandos and Rylstone.

Last year the NSW government identified large areas that sit between Kandos and Rylstone and the western edge of the Wollemi National Park as being 'considered for potential release for coal exploration'.

While exploration licences only, granting such licences is a matter of concern to me and my family. I urge DPIE to reconsider and clarify the department's future position on coal mining underneath such a sensitive and ecologically valuable area.

Subsidence and despoiling in the region will be a blow to the significant tourism industry in the region, as well as risking the long-term health of the Wollemi National Park.

My family and I have wonderful memories of Dunn's Swamp and hope to see the area healthy and pristine for many years to come.

Regards,  
Lawrence Kurdi

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Name**

**First name**

Jill

**Last name**

Longworth

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Toowong,Brisbane 4066

**Submission**

My name is Jill Longworth and I am a part owner of the property "Eastwood " in the Ganguddy-Kelgoola area where coal mining is being investigated.

I am opposed to coal mining in this area for personal, cultural and wholistic reasons.

"Eastwood " has been owned by our family for more than 100 years so I am very familiar with the abundant wildlife which includes endangered species. Coal mining will impact on this wildlife;

Rock art which is unique to Australia and has survived for millions of years is also present.

Lets face it coal mining has had its day as ruled by the judge in the Boggabri case. We have to think of future generations

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Robert

**Last name**

Skappel

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Daceyville NSW 2032, AU

**Submission**

To whom it may concern ! I am a frequent visitor to the Hawkins / Rumker area & am very concerned that this area is being opened up to coal exploration ! Not only is coal an outdated carbon resource but to produce 1Tonne of coal requires 653 litres of water ? This area has recently suffered a long period of drought & therefore the probability that many towns would be affected by water shortages, including Mudgee, is almost guaranteed ! This would then effect the local flora & fauna & of course the revenue brought by visitors like me.

Also this area is 50% covered by Crown land & State forest, along with 45 recorded aboriginal sites, that have hitherto been unrecognized !

The bio-diversity of this area has already been seriously depleted & a coal mine would finish it off completely ! Please use your common sense & put a stop to this absurd proposal !

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Jamie

**Last name**

McMahon

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Yarrarah 2233

**Submission**

Hello,

I object in the strongest possible terms to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment permitting any new coal exploration in NSW. The catastrophically adverse consequences of all stages of coal mining and consumption (exploration, mining, export and burning or use in steel making) is comprehensively well known. To permit new coal exploration knowing all this suggests wilful ignorance at best, and arrogant recklessness at worst.

The first and foremost reason to refuse to open any new exploration areas is the direct contribution of coal to CO2 emissions and climate change. Climate change is a clear and urgent international emergency and should be enough of a reason in its own right for NSW to finally put a stop to any new coal development. The fact that the Department is even consulting on such a thing frankly beggars belief. This is the same government that claims to have a net zero emissions target for 2050. The development and operational life of a coal mine can easily exceed 40 years - well beyond the 2050 net zero timeline. How exactly does the Department square this target with the development of new coal resources?

In addition to the CO2 emissions from mining and burning coal, there are also the direct environmental impacts of construction and operation. These include potential groundwater and surface water issues associated with seismic surveys, as well as the significant biodiversity, noise, visual, groundwater, heritage and air quality impacts associated with construction and operation of any new mine - all of which have played a key role in the recent refusal of development consent by the IPC for coal mines in NSW. These impacts bring with them very real consequences for the health and livelihoods of local people, as well as our unique, priceless and irreplaceable biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage. And this is all within an area already subject to significant historic land clearing and disturbance for agriculture and coal mining.

I'm also concerned that the ultimate decision on this matter is in the hands of the Minister for Regional NSW. This is clearly a matter that should be considered by the Minister for Planning, with concurrence from the Minister for the Environment. These are people who (should) understand the long term environmental and social consequences of coal development and burning. I would suggest that the Minister for Regional NSW is unlikely to have any real knowledge or interest in environmental or social issues, which are far more consequential than any short term economic benefit to the state. I'm also concerned that this Minister, being the leader of the National Party in NSW, a party beholden to political donations from coal mining companies, has a serious conflict of interest being ultimately in charge of the decision to open up new coal exploration areas.

To even consider any new coal development in 2021, with full knowledge of the disastrous consequences to future generations, is nothing short of wilful recklessness. The NSW Government must cease all new coal exploration and development immediately. The best time to have done this would have been 30 years ago - the next best time is NOW.

Yours sincerely,  
 Jamie McMahon

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Susan

**Last name**

Douglas

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

SOUTH BATHURST

**Submission**

I oppose the NSW Government releasing the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 km east of Mudgee NSW, for coal exploration.

There is no real need for further development of coal mines or coal as a resource for several reasons:

The burning of fossil fuels is adding to a dangerous level of warming in the atmosphere which must be curtailed if we want a stable and thriving economy and ecology going forward, especially for our younger generations who will bear the brunt of global warming;

Cheaper cleaner fuels such as solar and wind offer more jobs and a sustainable economic and ecological future for Australia and our younger generations;

Diversing energy investment to renewables will make NSW more competitive and will be a big vote winner, the majority of the population want meaningful action on climate change;

The Mining Industry have taken the poisoning of waterways (the tailings dams) for granted for many decades and cannot continue to extract profits and leave behind devastation in the air and in the waterways around their mines for decades to come.

Thank you for considering my submission and thank you for protecting our children's futures but not assisting the expansion of the coal industry in the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 km east of Mudgee NSW

Yours sincerely

Susan Douglas

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

**Info**

**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mudgee 2850

**Submission**

I recently made a submission of objection to the Hawkins-Rumker coal expansion project and received an acknowledgement saying that my objection to the Bowdens silver mine had been received.

While I also object to that mine I want my Hawkins Rumker submission to go to the correct place where it will be read and noted as disapproval of any expansion of coal mining in our area.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** Peter Hilleard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 16/08/2021 12:08:08 PM  
**To:** DPE Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Mailbox <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Submission to the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

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To Whom it may concern,

I am against the proposed Hawkins Rumker coal exploration for the following reasons:

I am a retired earth scientist and I have worked for the mining industry, but I eventually came to my senses and I am now a member of the Climate Council.

Like most other scientists, I have examined the evidence and I am convinced that we must not increase coal mining - period. We must be reducing CO2 in the atmosphere - not massively increasing it.

This plan would be regretted for many generations, who (whilst struggling to survive in an overheated world) will look back at what we have done in our lifetimes and curse us as selfish, greedy vandals, who are only after a quick buck or to retain political power by pandering to the fossil fuel lobby.

If the NSW government says they just follow scientific advice on Covid-19, then why ignore scientific advice about coal mining and climate change??

Peter Hilleard  
Hurstville NSW  
Bachelor of Applied Science, Hons 1.  
Winner of the Institution of Engineers Australia Engineering Excellence Award 1991  
I have made donations in the last 2 years to Sustainable Australia.

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
Yes

**Info**

**Email**  
[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
Carina 4152

**Submission**

Hello  
I have heard about this proposal through a friend and cannot believe that land owners are being forced from their land in order to mine for more fossil fuels. Given our society is moving away from this pollutant, I cannot see that commissioning more mining, particularly when impacting current owners, as being the best decision available. I ask that you re-consider this course of action.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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Yes

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**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mudgee 2850

**Submission**

I oppose the proposal for a new coal mine in the midwestern region. The proximity of the mine to prime agricultural land will have devastating and irreversible effects on the underground and surface water quality and flow, also on the soil and air quality. The damage done to subterranean rivers will be un-told. Also we should be focusing our efforts on renewable energies.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Submission Type**

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**Name**

**First name**

Jonathon

**Last name**

Clarke

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Coxs Creek

**Submission**

I wish to express my concern about the potential release of the Hawkins Rumker areas for coal exploration. I am a fourth generation farmer at "Mt Brace", Clarkes Road in Coxs Creek. The property has remained in the family since 1890.

I returned to the farm, having finished school in Sydney, working an office job and eventually meeting my wife. We returned to Rylstone to help grow the family business and for what we believed to be a better life.

I've always had a passion for sustainable agriculture and would love to see the long term benefits of our ecologically sustainable farming practices.

I would love to see the farm passed on to future generations.

I believe the Hawkins Rumker area is no place for a coal mine. It is far too close to farming operations and I believe will set a new precedent for expansion in the future.

I've seen what toll standing up against a coal mine can have on farming communities. The needless stress and anxiety is awful and I do not wish to have to experience it in my lifetime.

The Rylstone region is absolutely stunning. We are so very blessed to be able to wake up to the views we have. It is for this reason, that local tourism is growing exponentially. People are visiting Rylstone to experience it's beauty, tranquility and sense of community. Not to enter a town full of "Hi Vis" mining vehicles, light pollution and roadside mining infrastructure.

I understand it would create jobs and boost the local economy. I certainly sympathise with business owners who would benefit from a new coal mine.

I certainly do not wish to portray myself as "anti coal".

I do however believe Coxs Creek is the wrong place for a mine and it would be an absolute crying shame for one to go ahead.

Please consider scrapping the release of Hawkins Rumker for coal exploration. For the future of Agriculture in our region, the environment and the future of Rylstone.

Thank you.

Jonathon Clarke

[REDACTED] Coxs Creek.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

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**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

The possibility of mines being explored in close proximity to the townships of Rylstone and Kandos will greatly affect the the thriving tourism industry that these small off the beaten track towns have worked so hard on. There is also great concern for the productive agricultural land that would be acquired in order for these mines to go ahead driving families out of the town which would se the closure of schools and shops. There is also great concern regarding mining close to the Wollemi National Park a world heritage listed area the regeneration following a mine is never quite the same.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

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coombe

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

lue

**Submission**

I am a resident of the Lue area. I oppose the opening of any new exploration areas. I am concerned of the effect on the environment. our environment needs protecting. This is a very scenic area with a very established tourism and agriculture industry. Social impacts will be negative. This community can not afford to have further division caused by exploration issues. We have seen the negative effect on Bylong and Lue communities with proposed mining projects. It would be ideal to see the government work with our community to establish alternate industry eg manufacturing using recyclable materials .

One cannot justify new areas being developed...with the prediction that demand for coal. to decrease There is adequate supply from functioning coal mines.

If we do not have a healthy environment, we will not have a healthy community.

Thankyou for opportunity to make a submission.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**Name**

**First name**

Kate

**Last name**

Nash

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

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Rylstone

**Submission**

My family and I are firmly against the proposal to release the above area to coal exploration.

My personal tie to this issue is that I am the fifth generation of my family to own and operate a large farming property in the proposed area. As such, the land holds a great deal of significance to us, both emotionally, historically, and as form of current and future living for our children.

The area proposed comprises of important agricultural land which borders important national parks land, both which are completely inappropriate areas for consideration of a coal exploration smorgasbord.

Rylstone as a township and the country surrounding it including Ganguddy, and femtree Gully has become a significant tourism hub, increasing small business activity, employment opportunities and encouraging new residents and families to the area.

Coal mines have proven to have an incredibly negative impact on small regional towns. A coal mine in our town would be detrimental to small businesses, tourism, our health and would completely ruin the pristine aesthetic that is one of the major draw cards for our area.

We don't want coal exploration or a coal mine here.

We don't want to be breathing in coal mine dust.

We don't want our beautiful town to lose small business due to a tourism downturn.

We don't want our prime agricultural land turned into a mine pit.

We don't want our significant and beautiful national parks ruined.

There is no future in coal. More sustainable renewable resources need to be explored.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Christine

**Last name**

Jinga

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Dulwich Hill

**Submission**

I am vehemently opposed to the opening of new coal mines anywhere near National Park boundaries and on the grounds of their known impact on climate change. I cannot fathom how the state government sets a zero co2 emissions target of 2050 and yet is considering further fossil fuel projects.

EarthScape Consulting have identified a very large number of Aboriginal Heritage sites, 22 fauna and 6 flora species on the extensive 327 square kilometre area of the Hawkins/ Rumker site. Almost a quarter of this total includes potentially threatened ecological communities.

I regularly visit the Ganguddy camping area with my 2 grandsons and am aware of the extraordinary natural beauty, and tourist values of the area.

Coal has "a finite lifespan as an energy source" and is fast become uneconomic.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**  
Ashley

**Last name**  
Lonergan

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
No

**Info**

**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
2296

**Submission**  
Bdvdfitsyxbdd

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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[REDACTED]

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

6016

**Submission**

I am opposed to the Hawkins Rumker area being opened for coal exploration.

This is a precursor to coal mining and needs to be stopped now.

One of the greatest threats is to our region's precious water supplies.

Mines have a significant impact on the water resources of a local area.

This area is rich in natural springs and bores.

Exploration and mining can have significant impacts on the water resources of a local area.

Even exploratory drilling can crack and drain underground aquifers. The supply of water in creeks and rivers decreases.

Once the water is gone, it is lost forever.

Open cut and underground coal mines have caused water contamination and have destroyed biodiversity in waterways.

Subsidence from exploration and mining can crack rock substrate and lower water tables.

Coal is one of the most-water intensive methods of generating electricity. A typical coal plant needs enough water to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool every three and a half minutes.

This region recently came out of a long drought. What will happen in our next drought if there is a coal mine?

The Hawkins Rumker proposed release areas threaten the water supply for the towns of Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon and Clandulla; water flow to Mudgee may also be negatively impacted.

The Rylstone Dam catchment is in the proposed exploration areas.

The upper catchment of the Cudgegong River feeds into the water supplies of Rylstone Dam and Windamere Dam.

Without water, there is no life. There are no communities. There is no agriculture, no tourism, nothing to fight bushfires with.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**  
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**Last name**  
[Redacted]

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

**Info**

**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2849

**Submission**

I have concerns about the the proximity of the Hawkins & Rumker projects to prime agricultural land, Wollemi National Park, Cudgegong River and also the hundreds of community members that call that area home and would be greatly affected by this project.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Will

**Last name**

Nash

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

To whom it may concern,

I respectfully write this submission to lodge my steadfast and firm opposition to ANY new coal mine release areas in the Hawkins, Rumker or Gungahy-Kelgoola areas, within and near the townships of Rylstone and Kandos.

After the dissolution of the Kepco Bylong project, I am speechless that one could even consider a new coal mining area within this water catchment, prime agricultural area, tourism hub (Dunns Swamp) and so near to the Wollemi NP.

I absolutely reject any suggestion that this could bring a positive economic influence to our region and the longevity of that so called economic benefit.

I am extremely concerned about the potential for acute and chronic respiratory illness now and looking forward. These are just two of my main concerns.

These illnesses are often seen and addressed retrospectively once the company has packed up and "regenerated the area" and cannot be modelled or predicted within the short scoping study or pre-feasibility studies accurately enough to allow the residents full and complete risk assessment of the (serious) risks involved posed by close proximity coal projects. This is especially pertinent to open cut.

I am yet to see a scoping or PFS/ that includes accurate modelling of these diseases (pertinent to coal) looking forward 20-30 years when they typically emerge. Indeed there are none. But the town is left with the severe ramifications of this, Lithgow NSW is one example.

Proximity to coal mining is BAD news for your health, FULLSTOP.

I am absolutely qualified to comment on this and have the facts and experience to back my claims. Indeed, if this crazy exploration progresses further, I will back up with facts everything I have said here in this submission.

I have spoken to and (treated) literally hundreds of current and ex coal miners (open cut and underground) and have worked within health care in the Lithgow region. If you have a spare minute, there are many reports on this very topic with factual statistics to support my argument.

These respiratory diseases manifest over time and sadly, the people will pay for it as the company is 'planting trees' and leaving, the people will pay for it with their health and the state/people of NSW will pay for it again with the burden on the health care system.

Aside from cardiac, respiratory illness has an especially high cost threshold to treat in the community meaning more hospitalisations and fiscal burden on the state.

Often, as a special gift from coal we see both cardiac AND respiratory chronic ailments, just to double down on how bad coal is for communities.

If this proceeds to any active coal mine, it will be viewed in 20 years time (or less) as a monumental environmental, health and economic mistake that will have severe consequences for both the local area and the state of NSW for generations to come.

History will unquestionably judge poorly the people who rubber stamp coal mines when we face global warming challenges. The writing is on the wall for coal. The party is over, the people know it, the banks know it, and the super funds know it.

It is unbelievable to me that I am even writing this submission to oppose a new coal mine.....especially within this area.

There is zero upside in having a new mine this close to our town, especially one that has embraced tourism with such enthusiasm that even in the short time I have lived in Rylstone it is now (anecdotally) one of the central drivers of the local economy in the entire region, this includes the wine and food hub of Mudgee.

Rylstone is without doubt a tourism hub and hotspot. One only has to drive down main street (in a non covid lockdown) period to see how healthy this town is (without coal).

To reiterate, I firmly oppose this exploration for a new mine in this area for the reasons outlined above.

It is all downside, environmental downside, agricultural downside, tourism downside, health downside, long term sustainability downside.

Thank you for reading my submission and I truly hope this doesn't go ahead, it will be a generational disaster. Please choose wisely for our towns future.

Yours faithfully,

Will Nash

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Lilyfield

**Submission**

"I object to the proposal for coal exploration in this pristine country in the strongest terms. Burning coal is directly responsible for climate change. The fact that business worldwide is moving rapidly away from coal mining and use speaks volumes. What sort of short-sighted attitudes could possibly think this is a good idea in today's climate?"

Look at the bushfires, floods and storms of increasing violence erupting all over the planet and it is clear that we don't need any more coal mining. Please stop this nonsense for the sake of our children, grandchildren and all the generations to come."

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Bulahdelah 2423

**Submission**

the Rylstone area contains an environment that is not worthy of spoiling. the exploration or the mining of coal in this region must not happen. not only is coal old fashioned but it is also a toxic poisonous substance. the extraction would cause a great deal of negative factors for the Rylstone region. so in conclusion i don't want any permits to be granted to explore or to mine for coal in this region.

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Benjamin

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NEWTOWN

**Submission**

The economic case for renewables is very clear. Finance and insurance for new coal mines is difficult to get for a good reason - the world is turning away from coal as an energy source.

While energy is fungible, old growth forest is not. It is vanishingly rare, and thus more precious every day. I urge you to do everything you can to avoid destroying state forest in pursuit of short-term economic gain.

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Lilyfield

**Submission**

"I object to the proposal for coal exploration in this country in the strongest terms. Burning coal is directly responsible for climate change. The fact that business worldwide is moving rapidly away from coal mining and use speaks volumes. What sort of short-sighted attitudes could possibly think this is a good idea in today's climate? Stop destroying our country.

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Dubbo 2830

**Submission**

I wish to submit my objection to the release of the Hawkins Rumker areas to coal exploration. Chief among reasons for my objection is the clear, globally accepted need to move from reliance on fossil fuels, particularly coal, to more sustainable alternatives. Climate change has an ever-increasing impact on the planet, on all species, including humans. Whilst Australia lags behind in setting emissions targets, there is an economic imperative to invest in alternatives to coal. The N.S.W. Government should heed the science and cease release of land for coal extraction. Investment in renewables will ensure a strong economy in future. Coal mining will provide a limited, short-term economic benefit.

My other primary objection is the environmental impact of a sub-surface coal mine in that area. Experience elsewhere in the state suggests that such mining poses a risk to nearby waterways. I note that the proposed release area is close to National Parks. Coal mining beneath other National Park areas has damaged geological structures and waterways. I believe the risk of mining in the proposed release area is unacceptable.

Successful legal challenges to coal mines on the basis of duty of care to future generations are beginning to impact on the approval of coal mines. Any mine in the Hawkins Rumker area is likely to face similar legal challenges.

For the above reasons I believe the release of this area should not proceed.

**I agree to the above statement**

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Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I support the government fully in its effort for coal exploration in the Rylstone region.

I have lived in the town all my life (30 years) And have seen the full effects of industry being shut down in the town.

Family's having to move due to lack of job opportunity's , young people finishing school having limited options for there future in the area.

Yes I am a Coal Miner. But if it wasn't for Charbon mine and Airly mine which is located at capertee (55km from town) I wouldn't be in Rylstone.

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Submission**

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Look at the bushfires, floods and storms of increasing violence erupting all over the planet and it is clear that we don't need any more coal mining. Please stop this nonsense for the sake of our children, grandchildren and all the generations to come."

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Mudgee 2850

**Submission**

As I write to you the European Commission is working on new laws to reduce by 55% their carbon emissions by 2030 (extension of Emissions Trading Schemes to airlines and shipping, a secondary carbon market for trucks and heating, an end to thermal engine cars and a tax on imported goods from countries not meeting their Paris target).

In the meantime we have the NSW government, at the other end of the planet, planning to open new coal mines! It beggars belief this can even be considered.

I live in Mudgee 1 hour away from the area under consideration. I know the place fairly well because I go there often. So I wonder if bureaucrats of the Department of Planning have even visited the area. We are talking about a beautiful rugged landscape full of wildlife (including koalas, lyrebirds, etc.), crossed by vital running streams, a mostly untouched area. People there are very attached to their land.

I remember when writing a submission on coal mining in the Bylong Valley a few years ago that the road to Bylong was considered one of the 10 most scenic drives in Australia. Well, the Hawkins-Rumber area is just a continuation of the beautiful Bylong Valley, a major part being adjacent to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

What I find very distressing about the idea of coal exploration and coal mining in the area is the total dismissal by our government of the importance of water. We are talking here about an area which is part of the upper catchment of the Macquarie River and the Goulburn River. Truly, can this be acceptable when we have just gone through 3 years of severe drought, with rivers running dry downstream and when we know the likelihood of such an event happening again.

I urge the NSW government to stop short the idea of coal exploration of the Hawkins-Rumber area. You have a duty of care to our children and the planet they will inherit. Already many people around the world are dying because of Climate Change. Any new coal mining should be considered a criminal act.

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Name**

**First name**

Nathan

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Brand

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Ashfield 2131

**Submission**

To the Advisory Body for Strategic Release and associated persons,

I would like to submit my opposition to the proposed release of land for coal exploration in the Hawkins and Rumker districts. The reasons for this proposal not to go ahead are myriad.

1. NSW already has more than enough coal mines. Coal is a) a leading cause of fossil fuel emissions and b) coal mining has a devastating effect on local environments. Coal use is also on the decline globally and is predicted to continue to decline, as outlined by the International Energy Agency: <https://www.iea.org/fuels-and-technologies/coal>
2. The fact that these areas border on Wollemi National Park should in itself be reason enough to not go ahead with this proposal. Given the widespread destruction to bushland in NSW during the 2019 fires, and the ongoing risk of large-scale fires in future due to climate change, our forests and national parks are in greater need of protection from degradation.
3. My family has lifelong friends in the district who are implacably opposed to this development, which would likely see the compulsory acquisition of their property. This is prime agricultural land and I believe it should remain so, rather than being converted to a polluted and polluting project that will mainly be of financial benefit to a small number of people.

Thank you for your time,

Nathan Brand

[REDACTED]

Ashfield NSW 2131

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**I agree to the above statement**

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Rozelle 2039

**Submission**

I wish to submit my objection to the State Government's proposal to open up new coal exploration and/or new coal mines in the Hawkins-Rumker 'coal release area'

Koalas, woodland birds, clear cold streams and painted/engraved Wiradjuri rock shelters are just some of the beautiful and irreplaceable values of the area which means it's no place for coal mining

It is also the WRONG TIME for new coal exploration as the world is making the change to sources of energy that don't bring catastrophic climate change

It's not rocket science!!!

**I agree to the above statement**

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Pymont 2009

**Submission**

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Look at the bushfires, floods and storms of increasing violence erupting all over the planet and it is clear that we don't need any more coal mining. Please stop this nonsense for the sake of our children, grandchildren and all the generations to come.

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No

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2849

**Submission**

I would like to speak against the exploration of new coal in the Hawkins / Rurkers areas. We should be looking at alternative energy sources rather than exploring for more coal and the area has already been researched back in the 70's and it was decided then not to proceed.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Newtown 2042

**Submission**

I am strongly opposed to the granting of these coal exploration licenses for the following reasons: .

Many businesses in the area are based on tourism and visitation for scenic beauty, they will all be negatively impacted

There are 45 Aboriginal heritage sites within the three areas: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-06-17/mudgee-coal-exploration-release/100218752>

This is agricultural land - it's not compatible with mining.

The state forests and national park are already incredibly vulnerable due to the bushfires, the coal mines will further endanger these areas through their use of groundwater, polluting impacts.

Waterways: Springs and bores can disappear when underground water is drilled through or dug up. Many creeks are in the areas mapped, including Breakfast, Reedy, Growee, Coxs and Dairy Swamp Creeks. The upper Cudgegong waterways are our town's water supply.

There is no means of transporting the mined material to port or power station without the use of road transport, which if used will impact negatively on surrounding communities: noise, dust, pollution, stress in already minimal infrastructure.

These projects notoriously create very few jobs for locals, it's usually a FIFO situation, or miners are temporary residents, and these days the process is powered so effectively by machines rather than human labour there's a very small workforce.

Question: How is it that with an apparently forward-thinking Environment Minister in [REDACTED] our children's future is still being threatened by climate-change denying agendas?

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**Submission**

Any sort of mining in this region is a very bad idea, this is not good for the future of the area environmentally socially economically. It is destructive to the social and environmental and cultural environment. Coal is a nonrenewable resource should no longer be mined. Countries all over the world are not investing Coal nor should we be. Countries who agree to continue to mine Coal are on the wrong side of history Not aligned with community sentiment. I'm not support mining going forward in the Mudgee whilst in region.

**I agree to the above statement**

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Newnes 2790

**Submission**

Stop Coal !

To propose the release of the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal exploration in 2021 would be against all science and knowledge. It is purely driven by greed.

Apart from the local destruction of water and land the overwhelming evidence is that mining and burning coal is detrimental to our world.

Stop Coal !

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone/ 2849

**Submission**

Hello,

As an environmental scientist and writer I have been involved with coal mines on the Western coalfields since 1980. I have seen many statements by coal companies shown to be false. As an environmental scientist who understands the climate crisis, it is clearly time to give coal the flick. No new coal mines should be approved, hence the proposal for new exploration areas should not take place. It is now accepted around the world that renewable energy can be produced cheaper than coal-fired electricity (and that is before one considers the health effects of coal fired power stations which make it even more uneconomic). I live in Rylstone now but also have land on Nullo Mountain. I have been a Board member of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Advisory Committee until a few years ago. The areas they want to mine have great scenic grandeur and beauty. The coal there is also dirty coal with a high ash content. The Cudgeong river (the best place in NSW to see platypus!) would become an open drain for the pollution from the mines. The tranquility and beauty of the region would be destroyed. I thus strongly oppose new coal exploration areas being opened up around Rylstone and on the edge of Wolllemi NP.

Yours faithfully, Dr Haydn Washington, environmental scientist/writer

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2037

**Submission**

The realease of this area for coal exploration should not be allowed. Rylstone and the surrounding areas are a beautiful part of NSW that should not be damaged by mining. The impact on the respiratory health of the local community and damage to the environment cannot be justified. Choosing coal over agriculture and future tourism potential is a bad economic decision. The NSW government should not be increasing coal mines if it wants to address climate change.

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Submission**

The proposed coal mine will threaten native wildlife which live in the area opposing good environmental management practices. The numerous wildlife rescues and rehabilitations of one farm in that area alone have attracted thousands of followers online and in doing so, has educated young and old here and abroad about our native fauna including emus, wombats, and wallabies to name a few. The threat to the wildlife and land from potential coal mining certainly will not go unnoticed by the media and the voting public!

**I agree to the above statement**

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Alex

**Last name**

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Kandos

**Submission**

I am writing to register my opposition to the opening of the Hawkin Rumkin Coal Field Exploration release. As a resident of Kandos of over 8 years, having chosen to relocate myself and my family to Kandos following the closure of the Kandos Cement Works, I have both witnessed and participated in the renewal of the two towns and the area. In the last eight years Rylstone has established a burgeoning tourist industry and Kandos has become a destination community for folk retiring from the city and the local area has seen a renaissance with an influx of new people and ideas that have bolstered the prospects for the region.

Much of this resilience has come from within the two towns redefining themselves and it depends on the natural beauty of the area and the rare and endangered environments and wildlife that is found here. It is thus devastating to learn that the government is opening this area up to coal mining interests that will cause irreparable damage to the environment of this area, changing its aspect from that of a rural landscape into an industrial one. The noise and pollution of coal mining are well understood as well as the devastating impact on the land itself and the threat of pollution and damage to the fragile and interconnected ground water and stream system that feeds the Colo and the Cudgegong Rivers.

Coal Mining will also heavily impact the farming communities that have lived in the area for four and five generations and who depend upon the water that the coal mine will compete for and threaten with very real possibility of damage and pollution.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Lori

**Last name**

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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5016

**Submission**

My friends farm and surrounding areas are in danger of becoming the next big coal mine in NSW. The newly proposed areas are Hawkins and Rumker, just 5 minutes drive from their beautiful country town of Rylstone. (situated within Rumker)

I wish to oppose these new proposed coal mine release areas in an attempt to protect invaluable wildlife, land, heritage, culture & community for now and in the future.

EVERY VOICE MATTERS!

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Kuan

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

New Taipei City 24145

**Submission**

I disagree on issuing the coal exploration licenses.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

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**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Donvale 3111

**Submission**

This Coal Mine proposal is going to significantly affect the area of Kandos and Rylstone as someone who grew up in this area it is preposterous to see that we are not utilizing sustainable energy sources to generate energy. I have many family members still in the region who will be affected by this.

It is horrible to see local businesses, wineries, airstrips, water suppliers and farms being thrown into the fire for another dirty coal mine. This will significantly impact families who have been living on the land for generations.

There are also a lot of Aboriginal Heritage in this area which would be devastating to loose.

There are so many renewable energy source which would benefit the community rather than destroying families, land and heritage.

There is no need for another coal mine to destroy such a great community who have already suffered due to Bushfires and COMD in the last 12 months.

This mine should not go forward.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**First name**

Lesley

**Last name**

Watson

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2849

**Submission**

I am a resident of Rylstone NSW, where the proposed coal exploration sites are. I oppose the government allowing any preliminary exploration. Why, because it is too close to my town.

I have seen how my neighbouring town of Bylong was destroyed as a direct result of mining. The mining body purchased all the surrounding properties and then did not make them available for lease or purchase. This resulted in a thriving small community having to leave. The ripple effect was that local small business could not rely on local customers and eventually had to submit and close down also.

Rylstone NSW relies on passing trade and tourism to keep our small town alive. Coal mines drive out tourism. If you want evidence of this look at Ulan mine in the Mudgee region.

I was a small business owner in town until recently. Due to the COVID lockdown restrictions in place, my business suffered to the point where I had to close it. I understand the restrictions being enforced but it has given our town a taste of what it would be like to try and survive without tourist support and it is not good.

Coal is not a popular energy source and if our government is prepared to go against the majority, then our government must be ready to face the consequences. The people vote you in and the people can vote you out.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Name**

**First name**

Gary

**Last name**

McGuigan

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mt Marsden

**Submission**

I don't support these coal mining projects, for these reasons;

1. As an experience investor, I don't see the value of investing in projects that have a very uncertain, or terminal future. highlighting the increasing reluctance of support from the financial industry and many other business groups.
2. In the light of recent court rulings, projects like these that have local and wider environmental impacts, such as carbon dioxide and other pollutant emissions, increases the prospect of being the subject of litigation class actions against the product it is promoting to profit from.
3. I don't see the wisdom of embarking on a job creation exercise when the job prospects of these projects don't have a secure long term job future for you constituents.
4. The questionable viability of these projects does not warrant the disturbance and high risks of damage to the local and surrounding natural ecology, when there is every chance the project may only have a short working life.
5. It is becoming increasingly clear, and it seems to me, that the energy investment future is in the renewable energy sector, which has the credentials of more easily meeting social, environmental and other regulatory requirements.
6. In a nutshell, these project are a bad idea, and they don't measure up to far better options on the table, that should be considered in preference.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

22406

**Submission**

Stop mining coal!!! Renewable energy is the future. Stop being boomers. Invest in innovation.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
2251

**Submission**  
I strongly oppose the proposed exploration for coal in this area. Our flora and fauna, our heritage, our land and our beautiful rural communities need to be protected.

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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Martin

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mudgee NSW 2850

**Submission**

If this coal mine goes ahead then all wildlife will be destroyed from the biggest to the smallest. We can't do everything just to create jobs and destroy nature. Remember nature can do it without humans but humans can't survive without nature

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Deanne

**Last name**

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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4815

**Submission**

I oppose this as it would destroy so many natural habitats

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2454

**Submission**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my disapproval to release the Hawkins and Rumker area for coal exploration.

Amidst a global climate crisis, that Australia is embarrassingly failing to act on, coal exploration is undoubtedly an incredibly short sighted and dangerous move.

If this coal exploration were to go ahead, the impact on the community, homes, people's properties and livelihoods, wildlife and the environment would be detrimental.

Habitat degradation and fragmentation pose a significant threat to the survival of all native species. With Australia already topping the charts for excessive rates of native mammal extinction, this is not a dataset that should be added to.

Furthermore, Lindoway Farm, among many other farms, is situated within the area at question. This farm is owned and operated by licensed and trained wildlife rehabilitates. As such, countless native animals have been released on sight and call this safe and pristine countryside home. They do not need their home destroyed.

This irresponsible decision should not go ahead and the opinions of wildlife scientists, ecologists, local farmers, local wildlife carers and the community should be taken into consideration.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
Yes

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45891 Gelsenkirchen

**Submission**  
I am against a new coal field.

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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**Last name**  
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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**  
Yes

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**Email**  
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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**  
Gulliver 4812

**Submission**  
No to Coal exploration in the Hawkins and Rumker area

**I agree to the above statement**  
Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Nicholas

**Last name**

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

77018

**Submission**

I oppose the coal mines do not put them there all the people living there the wildlife and nature wil be destroyed. I know none of the people trying to put the coal mine there care but there opinions aren't more important than the people opposing it whatever or who ever decides needs to see the more important side the wildlife needs to be preserved once it's gone it's gone

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes