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**Submission**

I believe there should be no coal mining in this area

**I agree to the above statement**

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**Submission**

I oppose the coal exploration of this area. There is a great deal of flora and fauna in this area as well as local communities that would be greatly affected. A prime example is Lindoway farms who rehabilitate wildlife. Given the current climate crisis I believe our environment and communities should take precedence over mining.

**I agree to the above statement**

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2625

**Submission**

I do not support any new coal mine, or any project that will exploit our natural resources and continue to harm our ecosystems and native species.  
Investment must be made to renewable energy. NO MORE COAL!

**I agree to the above statement**

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17750

**Submission**

This is disgusting. Is the future of our planet nothing to you people???? We are facing global crisis and you people will stop at nothing to make a buck. Clearing our beautiful lands. You should be ashamed.

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**Submission**

I oppose the new coal mine regions.

**I agree to the above statement**

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MacDonald

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

No

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Ilford 2850

**Submission**

No new coal mine. We need to protect our wildlife, land, heritage, culture & community for now and the future.

**I agree to the above statement**

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06820

**Submission**

The passage of this would destroy farms such as London farm, homes, nature, culture, wildlife, and much more. We are in a day and age where we no longer need to utilize coal for power and can instead use green, alternative forms of energy such as wind and solar. Both we will never run out of until the end of time while coal deposits can be depleted very quickly, poison the environment and ecosystems that are not only local but worldwide, and contribute to the growing greenhouse effect.

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Crows Nest

**Submission**

object to the mining of coal in this sensitive area and am sad to hear that this is being considered in these times when we should be looking at alternative fuel sources. Just stop it!

I agree to the above statement

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Elizabeth

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Varcoe

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

No

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2848

**Submission**

Our region is so special. It's a unique combination of fertile food bowl and deep natural beauty - which understands attracts many visitors to the region.

Please do not allow even a glimmer of possibility for mining to continue in this region.

It's not too late so save this stunning area. It's ripe for renewal energy projects. If there are jobs for the kids, the people will follow.

Thank you for considering my perspective. We are a lovely community and I know there are many like minded folks here.

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Rylstone

#### Submission

I am against the proposed Rumker, Hawkins coal exploration. This proposal will impact me in the following ways:

The Rylstone area is well known for its natural beauty. "wilderness and waterways" has been the motto. This is what is highly valued by the many tourists who visit the area each year, the many people who relocate to the area to enjoy the pristine environment, relaxed lifestyle and natural beauty, and by a thriving and fiercely proud local community. The Rylstone area is nestled alongside National parks and highly productive agricultural land.

Coal mines are completely incompatible with the character and charm of the area, and would pose serious risks to the environment, especially the waterways, as well as the lifestyle, the many businesses which rely on the areas natural beauty and green credentials for tourism and ecotourism or for agricultural enterprises producing beef cattle, sheep, wine grapes, olives, nuts and berries, honey, boutique breed enterprises, farm stays and other short stay accommodation and many others who enjoy lifestyle blocks.

The greatest environmental risk is to the water. The area is rich in natural springs, and small waterways, which can easily be damaged or drained by exploration or mining. The upper catchment of the Cudgegong River is the headwater supplying Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon, Clandulla, Mudgee and then downstream to the Macquarie River system supplying towns and enterprises with critical water. Water supply can be sporadic in dry times already, and mining will further reduce the water available to those communities and the many agricultural enterprises which rely on it.

Increased traffic on our country roads, especially from heavy vehicles, noise and vibration, blasting and large-scale earth moving, reduced air quality from coal dust at the mine site or in transportation are all present at coal mine sites and can be easily witnessed. Coal mining would transform this beautiful area into a dirty industrialised work site. "Rehabilitation" areas around other coal mines near Ulan and the Hunter valley are ugly failures. It is impossible to restore an area effectively once the soil profile which has been built over thousands of years has been destroyed.

There would also be negative social impacts. A small number of local businesses may profit and a small number of locals would gain lucrative employment but mostly workers will be hired with skills from mines in other areas, transient and not at all invested in the local community. The majority of people in the local community are opposed to a coal mine impacting on the physical beauty of the area or the social structure of the community.

At G7, the seven biggest economies in the world have agreed to phase out, and stop the funding of coal projects by the end of 2021; such a measure is seen as critical to truly meet the net zero targets to avoid a climate disaster.

International Energy Agency's latest report showed a downturn in coal projections for the first time; NSW's 5-year intergenerational update predicts that coal will be gone completely from our economy within 20 years. It would be a tragedy to destroy a pristine and fragile area of significant natural beauty on the doorstep of a world heritage area and contribute to climate change and environmental damage just for a company's short term profits

I agree to the above statement

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David

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Byrne

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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Melrose Park 2114

**Submission**

I believe farmland should be preserved

I agree to the above statement

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**Submission**

Please don't take away the homes of many people and animals!

I agree to the above statement

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**Submission**

I believe the farmland should be preserved

**I agree to the above statement**

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

No

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**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2849

**Submission**

Please please do not harvest coal here! You will be hurting a beloved farm that is a sanctuary to animals. The linodway farm! They have saved so many animals and continue to do so. Please do not ruin their sacred place. Not to mention all the wildlife you will be terrifying. This has to stop. We have to realize what is important. We need to protect our animals. Our nature. We need them. This community is a lovely farm area. All they want is peace.

**I agree to the above statement**

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Yes

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Nullo Mountain 2849

#### Submission

I strongly object to the issuing of new exploration licenses for coal mining in the Hawkins/Rumker/Ganguddy-Kelgoola areas for the following reasons:

- Exploratory drilling would put the underground aquifers at serious risk from cracking with the resultant catastrophic loss of springs and bores in the area;
- The detrimental effect of mining on the entire region - air, water, soil and noise pollution. This is a beautiful natural and fertile area that is enjoyed by many visitors as well as locals. The economic stability and local land values would be threatened.
- There is no good reason to open up a new coal mining area. Existing coal mines in other parts of the state are not operating to capacity and there is already enough coal approved to meet the next 30 years of demand. Coal is being phased out as more renewable energy sources are being developed and taken up around the world.
- I don't believe there is any benefit to this area in new coal mines. Promised local employment does not happen because skilled people are brought in from elsewhere. Promised benefits to local businesses do not eventuate. There would be a hugely detrimental effect to our local tourism and agriculture industries should mining be allowed. It would drastically change and permanently damage this whole area and would not be appropriate when clean, renewable energy sources are replacing the need for coal into the future. It's time the government stopped people from wrecking whole regions for short-term gain that is mostly in the form of profits that go overseas. There is a world-wide trend to move away from fossil fuels.

More than enough damage has been done to other areas of NSW. PLEASE LEAVE THIS AREA ALONE.

I agree to the above statement

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

No more mines! This area is needed ecologically to sustain valuable flora and fauna. It is also sacred first nation ground.

**I agree to the above statement**

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Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I am 82 years old and have lived in Rylstone for over 50 years.

I couldn't believe it when I found out that the government is considering releasing this area for mining. I couldn't believe anyone would be that stupid.

The water supply to these towns begins in the mountain. It is clean water through the Cudgegong system. The water extends all the way out to the cotton growing fields who rely heavily on the water. Any mining is going to disturb the soils which will pollute the water at its source and pollute the entire water system. The water system still supports platypus, many fish species and even freshwater lobster. Any mining will result in us losing these valuable commodities. In this respect, the government should have notified all the townspeople of this proposal, it is neglect.

The mining companies that come, do not respect the area. They are interested in what money they can make in a short period of time. Mines use tremendous amounts of water which then becomes polluted even if returned to the river system.

The dust that comes from mining will spread over very large areas. That dust with our prevailing westerlies will have the affect felt throughout the national park. Whilst the maps show that Dunn Swamp is not within the mining area, the water and dust from the mining will affect all water, the soil, the flora and animals therein. All the people who come from Sydney and beyond will no longer come and visit Dunn Swamp. Without the tourists, Rylstone and Kandos and to a lesser extent Mudgee, will be losing their tourist businesses.

The Dunn Swamp and surrounding areas also have Aboriginal drawings and artefacts and other sites that are considered to be sacred by the Aboriginal people. There are direct descendants of the original owners living in our area. The government have an obligation to protect these.

Nature took millions of years to create this area. Once we lose it, the area will never recover. The proposed release areas should never have been considered in such a fragile area in the first instance and should not be issued.

**I agree to the above statement**

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Rystone 2849

#### Submission

I was born here and have lived in the area for over 75 years. I grew up on a farm in Kelgoola. When I found out that the government is considering releasing the area here known as Hawkins Rumker, and then later Kelgoola Gunguddy, it made me sick to the stomach. I was devastated and it made me angry.

How can the government give permission to the destruction of the land that our soldiers fought to protect? Among those lost is my brother who dreamed of coming back home to the farm at Kelgoola that he loved and fought for. Other people from our area also paid the sacrifice to save this land.

This is going to destroy the watershed that provides water for thousands of people and industries, as well as animals, birds and all the wildlife that exist the entire region. There will be nothing but destruction, irreparable damage to the environment. People will be living in fear from bushfires in the summer because there will not be any water to fight them. What about the farmers who rely on the water to produce the food we eat? The drinking water in our towns that allows us to exist comes from the springs and dams in the area. This water will cease to exist.

When we were farming, we had hundreds of head of cattle and horses. We never had to buy food for them. The land was healthy because of the water through the soakages and rivers. We never lost a calf or a cow because the land was healthy. We will never have this again if the land is destroyed. It can never be repaired. a

When the mines start, a few businesses like supermarkets will have increased trade. But the tourists will not come here anymore. When I drive through the Hunter I am dismayed. People will no longer come here when we look like the Hunter. The mining companies do not understand this area. They will not respect the land or the people. They haven't walked along the banks of the Cudgegong River at dawn or dusk to watch the platypus feeding. They haven't explored the deep gullies, admired the tree ferns, moss covered rock and ancient trees, or listened to the water trickling down the rocky outcrops and cliffs. They haven't marveled at the beauty of the sunlight filtering through the Sassafras and Coachwood trees in the deep gullies of the Comacudgy and surrounding mountains. They haven't heard the calls of the lyrebird or seen it fanning its beautiful tail feathers as it performs its ritual dance. They haven't seen the sugar glider possums gliding from tree to tree. We have a responsibility to the land and we protect our land, yet strangers to the area are allowed to destroy it to further fill their greed for short-term money.

The government has been encouraging that respect been shown towards the Indigenous owners of this land. This land was home to ancient tribes. We have been fortunate enough to know some of these people, who are our friends. There are sacred Aboriginal sites here. How is this respecting and understanding the rights of Indigenous people. It is a joke.

The majority of workers will be brought in from overseas or other areas. They will come for a while and then go. This mine will not make new jobs for miners. Our local people who do get jobs then get put off and replaced with overseas workers. We have seen this happen in Ulan. Miners and mines come and go. They leave a wasteland forever. No amount of work or money can retrieve what nature provided.

In years to come, who will wear the blame for this reckless decision? Who will take responsibility when our children, grand children do not have water or this beautiful land? Who will face the public? You cannot allow the area to be released for coal exploration or mining?

I agree to the above statement

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Kim

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Kindler

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Beecroft

**Submission**

Dear NSW Gov Dept of Planning

Re: Hawkins-Rumker site/Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

I wish to express my unpleasant surprise and concern that NSW Gov is considering further exploration of coal mining sites, anywhere in the state, but on this occasion at this site north-east of Rylstone.

Just when the rest of the world is making decisions turning away from using coal and other fossil fuels for energy, Australia has been globally admonished for this and its ugly disgraceful record on species extinction, we have our NSW state government and the Australian Government proceeding with coal and gas exploration.

These lands are rich in Wiradjuri heritage, containing 26 separately recorded sites including rock shelters with painted or engraved art, camp sites and grinding grooves. Do we really not care for this miniscule recognition to our Indigenous peoples, not to mention the connection everyone of us should also have to the land, air and water?

"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.

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.

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.

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."

It is surely madness to be proceeding with coal exploration anywhere.

Come on NSW Planning, show some consistent policies towards creating a better future for all living things - the generations that survive beyond us.

Sincerely  
 K. Kindler

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John

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Blyth

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Port Macquarie 2444

**Submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to the proposal to explore for coal in this region near Wollemi NP.

In my opinion, it is entirely inappropriate to even consider developments of this kind in areas of such environmental importance and sensitivity.

In fact, we should not be looking for any more coal at all - rather moving away from all fossil fuel use, before it is catastrophically too late.

Yours faithfully,

John Blyth

MBChB

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I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2949

**Submission**

I am 84 years of age and was born and raised in this region, and have lived here for approximately 74 of those 84 years. I grew up in the area known as Kelgoola and the Wollemi National Park, in Kandos and in Rylstone.

I am against the proposed Hawkins Rumker coal exploration. I am dumfounded that that the government is considering destroying this region. The water for the towns folk for this region comes from the upper catchment of the Cudgegong River, which feeds Rylstone Dam, which is part of the of exploration area.

The wildlife and vegetation in the area would never recover, certainly not in my lifetime, nor my children, grandchildren or great grand-children. We have so many vulnerable and endangered species in this area, some unique to the area which would never recover.

It is shocking that the government did not notify all people about these proposed coal mines. My water supply is at risk. My health is at risk from trains and trucks or other transport methods for the coal. There will be dust and noise.

I have direct experience of this from when I lived in Kandos. We were always sick with lung infections and my brothers died from lung trouble. Everyone we knew were sickly from the dust.

Australia is known as one of the best countries in the world, yet the government doesn't seem to want to protect it and want to sell it off to foreign mining companies to ruin it.

Rylstone is a tourist town. We always have visitors coming from Sydney, Newcastle and beyond. You cannot get a car park on the weekends. What are the tourists going to see if this goes ahead? Holes in the ground, coal trucks and dust? People will see big piles of coal like Singleton. Our town will be ruined because these businesses and the farm stays and other tourist accommodation will close down.

The government must exercise some common sense and protect this region and not release the areas for coal exploration.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Matthew

**Last name**

Birks

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mudgee 2850

**Submission**

My mother was raised in the Bylong Valley. I spent much of my own childhood on my grandparents farm in Bylong. It is a place of great beauty. The fertility of its fields offers sustainable produce.

Though a coal mine offers great short term economic return, the long term impact on our local environment, our global climate and our international standing outweigh these benefits.

I strongly oppose the exploration of the Bylong Valley for coal.

**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

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2753

**Submission**

I am writing this submission as I believe this area Hawkins-Runker which has been earmarked by the Government for new coal exploration is the wrong place and this coal release area should not be opened up.

This large, intact habitat with old growth elements is home to koalas, we have lost enough koalas in the catastrophic 19/20 bushfires. It is also home for the critically endangered Regent Honeyeaters and the nationally endangered spotted tailed quoll.

There is also 63 kms of dear running streams in good condition which connects to major river systems. This area also contains painted and engraved Wiradjuri rock shelters, beautiful and irreplaceable. This is no place for coal mining or new coal exploration.

We need sources of energy that don't bring catastrophic climate change.

This beautiful area brings in many visitors that appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of this natural environment. Please don't destroy it, keep it coal free.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2848

**Submission**

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.

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.

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.

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.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

John

**Last name**

Robens

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Leichhardt

**Submission**

I am submitting AGAINST this proposal to damage the beautify Mudgee region further.

Mudgee is the source of high quality produce. It is a location with great beauty and farming land. We have spent a lot of time walking in the area exploring it's great beauty.

After the Rocky Hill judgement where it was considered unconscionable to open further coal mines, I had the belief that the area was safe.

In a situation where we have a transition away from coal, we should not be adding new supply which will only place downward pressure on prices. The coal companies are universally foreign owned, although we should still ensure that as they close they remain economically viable enough to remediate the mine sites, and we need to reduce supply to ensure this. We need profitable sales of coal, rather than increased volumes so that we can support workers in developing the opportunities available in the renewable economy.

Please don't damage the Mudgee valley, and in doing so the climate, our children's future and the opportunities available to workers still working in coal mining areas.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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Submitted on Sat, 10/07/2021 - 12:18

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

David

**Last name**

Smith

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2444

**Submission**

I believe that making new land available for exploration should only be granted when there is a clear need for more development. I do not believe this is the case in this instance.

I understand that the land is intended to be used to explore for more coal. On humanity's current understanding of the consequences of mining more coal than absolutely necessary, this action seems to be grossly negligent. There might well be some company or business that hopes to profit from such action but they will not be the ones picking up the cheque to pay for the consequences of those actions. Hence governments have to act to protect the people they represent from those actions. Governments have acted to save lives from COVID. The same should happen here.

Exploration usually entails use of tax concessions. I believe, at this moment in time, that is irresponsible use of taxpayer's money.

The world recognises that we are in a climate emergency. Hence the UN has declared that there must be no new coal projects. The release of land for coal exploration would enhance Australia's world standing as a pariah.

Expanding the use of coal is akin to selling big iron to a nation that we are at war with, with the full knowledge that the iron will be used to make bombs, guns, aircraft and boats that we know will be used to destroy us.

Given the above the NSW government should not release this land.

regards, David

**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**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Marayong 2148

**Submission**

I object to any further mining in NSW. There already has been far too much damage caused to the natural environment animals and farming areas and people's health and peaceful existence.

There needs to be this mining energy for greed and reckless actions placed into renewables for this State.

Stop it before you wreck anymore of Australia!

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Jane

**Last name**

Stevenson

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2444

**Submission**

For Pete's sake! Are you out of your mind?

There should be NO THOUGHT of additional coal mining anywhere in NSW.

Nor in Australia, nor anywhere else.

Climate change is real, its effects are devastating, and Australia should not be dragging behind the rest of the world in addressing the issue.

I am against any further coal mining.

Jane Stevenson

Port Macquarie

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Miriam Jane

**Last name**

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

No

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**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Butterwick

**Submission**

I looked with disbelief at the idea of exploring the possibility of opening up the opening up the Hawkins & Rumker area west of Mudgee for coal mining. When economies around the world are turning away from coal & recognising the urgency that climate change is now presenting, I see it as economically a step back into the dark ages, let alone environmentally & morally. We must step into the energy of the future now, or we will be a bankrupt nation.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Name**

**First name**

Warwick

**Last name**

Sawyer

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Hendra

**Submission**

I cannot believe that you are wasting time and money even considering opening these areas up for coal exploration.

The International Energy Agency's Roadmap to Net Zero Emissions by 2050 proposes that no new unabated coal, oil, or gas developments should occur around the world.

Despite the political rhetoric, the notion that Australia can continue on its current trajectory as the world's biggest exporter of coal and gas, and one of the top contributors to carbon pollution, while also securing a safe, flourishing future for its populace is false. The two goals are as incompatible as oil and water.

It is now widely accepted that a global future powered by fossil fuels cannot safely sustain human civilization. Burning coal, oil and gas for electricity, transportation and manufacturing has been the primary driver of the climate crisis, a crisis that now threatens to engulf Australia as well as the rest of the world.

Coal is on a short track to becoming stranded assets and LNG is not far behind it. Our governments should have no role in propping up these dying industries.

There was a ruling from Justice Mordecai Bromberg, that no project should be approved that put our children's future in jeopardy. Has your government forgotten that already?

There are clean alternatives to oil, coal and gas. It is time our governments embraced renewables and told their fossil fuel owners that they are redundant, NOW!

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Submission Type**

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**Name**

**First name**

Robbin

**Last name**

Binks

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mudgee 2850

**Submission**

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly oppose the release of the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located 30km east of Mudgee NSW for coal exploration.

I believe that if the PRIA is carried out in a fair, complete and unprejudiced way the Advisory Body for Strategic Release will not take this consideration any further and it's advice to the Minister for Regional NSW will be just that.

The Hawkins and Rumker areas under consideration include part of the Bylong Valley. Geologically the whole area is very similar. It is all ancient, beautiful and very, very fragile. The fact that the IPC recently rejected KEPCO's application for the Bylong Coal Mine due to the fragile nature of the country (and in particular the aquifer systems) is surely all the evidence required to stop any further consideration of release.

The old arguments surrounding mining creating lots of jobs for the local community and being good for local economy have been disproved time and time again. Flow of revenue is to governments and the mine (mostly foreign) owners, there is very little flow on to local businesses and communities.

There are many Aboriginal heritage sites throughout the area under consideration and a minimum of 28 threatened species of flora and fauna. There is the very real chance of irreversible damage to sites and habitat if mining were to go ahead.

The idea of opening up new areas for coal mining in the current world trend of moving away from fossil fuels beggars belief. The demand for coal is on the decrease. Why isn't the Australian Government putting all its resources into developing renewables and making Australia a world leader in battling climate change instead of dragging its heels and milking the last piece of coal from the land for short term economical gain.

There is already enough coal approved for the next 30 years of demand, please DO NOT allow the release of the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal exploration.

Yours faithfully

Robbin Binks

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted on Fri, 09/07/2021 - 13:39

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

matthew

**Last name**

Allison

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Oatley 2223

**Submission**

As a regular visitor to the Mudgee area I wish to express my major concerns for releasing the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal exploration. Coal mining creates far more problems than it solves - from the release of CO2 and other pollutants into the air when it is burnt to the destruction of aquifers and farmland/native vegetation when it is mined. For the clean future of our planet I wish to submit my opposition to this plan.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Allison

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Holly

**Last name**

Bryant

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone 2849

**Submission**

I strongly oppose the proposed new coal release areas. We have a property in the Rumker area and a small business in Rylstone. The tourism industry and local agriculture in our region is booming. We employ several casual and full time/part time staff. The tourism revenue stays in the pockets of our local businesses and community. People do not come here to see coal mines. They come here to walk the valleys, visit the wineries and observe the abundant wildlife this area has to offer. Our property has become a wildlife rescue farm and we have released several species including birds, reptiles, wombats, wallabies, kangaroos, koalas and an emu. We have in care several rescue animals who cannot be released nor re-located. The local wild life would be greatly impacted by any new coal mining in the area. The NSW Government forecasts global demand to greatly reduce. There is no need to open our area to coal exploration and coal mining.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Grant

**Last name**

Harris

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

No

**Info**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone

**Submission**

My family and I live and work in Rylstone and our property is directly affected by the proposed coal exploration. We own and operate a restaurant in Rylstone that employs eight people should any coal mine be approved in our area we will close the business and move away from the area. The loss of eight jobs will directly affect the local Rylstone businesses. We also object to mining going ahead on environmental grounds having seen from the air the devastation caused by coal mining to the Hunter region. There is no future in fossil fuels and any mining will only hasten the greenhouse effect and further damage the health of our children. Any responsible government would see this and not allow any new coal mining to go ahead.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes



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**First name**

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**Last name**

Semmonds

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

No

**Info**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Ingleside 2101

**Submission**

I am completely apposed to the idea of exploration and potential mining of this beautiful area. My friends and I visit Rylstone, Kandos and Bylong Valley areas regularly. Being regular tourists, we appreciate and love the culture of the local community. This land is abundant with various fauna & flora species, aboriginal heritage sites, stream canals and water bores. Their economy is built around sustainable agriculture and nature-focused tourism. This needs to be saved and protected. MINING THIS AREA WILL DESTROY THE LOCAL TOURISM

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Name**

**First name**

Jonah

**Last name**

Shabtay

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

South Coogee, 2034

**Submission**

Hi,

I am writing to express my utter rejection of the proposal to explore the western fringe of the blue mountains for coal. This, in a climate crisis, after the blue mountains suffered immensely from bushfires just one year ago, and considering the cultural heritage in the area, is an absolutely appalling proposal. When will the NSW Government listen, learn and accept that we **MUST** transition out of coal and into renewable sources of energy.

Your absolute negligence in caring for the people and land of NSW is atrocious. DO NOT explore this region for coal. Promote biodiversity, forest rehabilitation and ecologically sound industries.

The people of NSW will be ready to take strong action if this goes ahead. I certainly will.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Name**

**First name**

Anthea

**Last name**

Von Staerck

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Sydney, 2030

**Submission**

I object to opening this area for coal mining for many reasons including water safety, vegetation disruption, and destructio of native animal habitat. Pollution of air and waterways would result from mining this area and as the headwaters in this area lead to Macquarie Catchment this would result in irreversible damage to valuable drinking water for the area of Hunter and Greater Sydney and surrounding areas.

As the summers heat up there will be greater risk of bushfires which a coal mine would exacerbate. I therefore submit the area is too valuable as t stands and should be left free from mining developement.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
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First 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

North Narrabeen

#### Submission

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

We wish to bring to your attention why the Hawkins/Rumker area is a very special place in NSW, and why it should be off-limits to coal.

Firstly, 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.

Secondly, 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.

In addition it is important to note that 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.

Also, 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.

Re: wildlife - there are several records of Koalas in the Hawkins area which we need to keep safe and healthy. 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. 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.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Submitted on Thu, 08/07/2021 - 10:53

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

John

**Last name**

Philpott

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Coogee

**Submission**

Please say no to coal, we are in a climate emergency, coal has helped cause this.

Regards

John Philpott.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08/07/2021 9:17:02 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Thu, 08/07/2021 - 09:17

Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Submission Type**

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**Name**

**First name**

Friederike

**Last name**

Binder

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Balmain East

**Submission**

We don't want a coal mine outside Rylstone.

It is an area of natural beauty and a coal mien would destroy the landscape and have a negative impact on the community of the town.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07/07/2021 9:31:21 PM  
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Submitted on Wed, 07/07/2021 - 21:31

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

### Name

#### First name

Rob

#### Last name

Herbert

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

No

### Info

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Annandale 2038

#### Submission

I am writing to strongly object to the release of land in the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal mining.

In 1921, The NSW government did not know, and could not foresee, that coal mining would turn great swathes of NSW native forest and valuable agricultural land into waste-lands. But this is 2021, and it is easy to see, simply by driving along the western edge of the Great Dividing Range or through the Hunter River Valley, the vast scale of the ecological damage that coal mining has caused. The carnage is there for all to see. Ten years ago the Audit Office of NSW reported that "Derelict mines may represent the largest contamination liability facing our State." Many of these sites remain in "Care and Maintenance" indefinitely to avoid liability for rehabilitation. The NSW Government has a responsibility to future generations to prevent further ecological vandalism. This environmental destruction reaped by coal mining cannot continue indefinitely.

In 1921, the NSW Government could not have believed that, within 100 years, vast numbers of species would be pushed to the brink of extinction. Now, in 2021, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment reports that "Almost 1000 animal and plant species are at risk of extinction in NSW". Even the koala faces a real existential threat. In 2021, responsible governance requires active preservation of remnant forests and ecosystems.

In 1921, it was inconceivable that humans could cause global climate change. But now, in 2021, we know that climate change is happening, and we have some idea of what the consequences of climate change will be. Climate change induced species extinction is guaranteed. Governments have a responsibility to mitigate, rather than accelerate, global warming. They can do that by scaling back, rather than rolling out, coal mines.

What is to be gained from coal mining in NSW? Very little that is good. Coal mining will, certainly, generate short-term jobs and create a short-term stimulus for struggling communities. But in the medium term, those jobs will be lost as the world transitions to clean energy, investors retreat from dirty industries, and markets for coal evaporate. The coal mining communities of today will fossilise into intractable poverty unless both state and federal governments actively manage the transition from coal mining to alternative, sustainable industries such as clean energy and tourism. Governments, including the NSW Government, should be assisting communities to transition away from coal.

It's 2021, not 1921. The NSW Government should not be releasing remnant forests for coal mining.

#### I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 07/07/2021 9:27:46 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Wed, 07/07/2021 - 21:27

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

### Name

#### First name

Genevieve

#### Last name

Hudson

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

### Info

#### Email

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#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

2293

#### Submission

Good morning,

Hi, I am writing to you since being informed of this issue by the Lock the Gate Alliance & after encouragement to provide community feedback.

The following is a brief summary of information for the purposes of this assessment process provided by the Lock the Gate Alliance to its supporters. It is directed to the department responsible for conducting the assessment of social, environmental and economic aspects influencing the decision whether to release the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal exploration.

Recently, I had the good fortune of visiting Rylstone & Mudgee. It is upsetting to hear about the proposed coal exploration & potential mining of this beautiful district. Concerned community now call upon your department, the Advisory Body for Strategic Release, the Minister for Regional NSW & all persons responsible for the decisions as to whether the areas should be released (either wholly or in part), to consider the following:

- These areas hold an immense wealth of heritage on the unceded lands of the Wiradjuri nations, encompassing ancient sites of historical & sacred importance
- The landscape holds native vegetation & potentially threatened ecological communities. It holds waterways of high value all fragile to disturbance. It encompasses headwater streams of the Cudgegong River, part of the Macquarie River catchment in the Murray Darling, and upper catchments of the Goulbourn River, that flows into the Hunter & then the coast
- The area runs along the border of the Great Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Concerns have been raised already at the World Heritage Centre & IUCN about the potential impacts of eight mining operations on the boundaries of this site
- Koala populations are recorded in this area & other important species including endangered species

In awareness of this, community urgently request that those responsible for the upcoming assessments & decisions regarding the aforementioned areas, uphold their constant & ongoing protection, free from coal exploration & mining, sustaining the ecological balance of these lands & waters, for both the short-term benefit of those now calling it home, as well as the long-term, future benefit & health of all sentient life within them, including the next seven generations of local communities.

Thank you for your time & consideration of the above comments.

I agree to the above statement

Yes



From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 07/07/2021 6:54:33 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted by: Anonymous

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First name

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Last name

[REDACTED]

I would like my submission to remain confidential

Yes

### Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2228

#### Submission

I would like to make my submission in regards to PRIA of Hawkins Rumker and note following points:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In summary of the above the area under consideration is of high cultural, ecological and food security importance which require protection and further ecologically friendly development to capture its potential. Hence no new coal exploration should be done in the area as it will degrade the potential of it to be developed further in a sustainable way with future generations in mind.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Michael

**Last name**

Hensen

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Kaloomba 2780

**Submission**

No new coal exploration leases should be issued as Australia needs to reduce its global carbon footprint both within Australia and through its export of fossil fuels.

This locality is not suitable for coal mining as it is adjacent to the Blue Mountains World Heritage area and areas of outstanding beauty and ecological values such as the Bylong Labyrinth.

Coal mining will undermine the potential for this area to establish a sustainable ecotourism /tourism and agricultural based economy and may detrimentally effect its agricultural potential through impacts on groundwater or over utilisation of water resources.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 07/07/2021 2:48:42 PM  
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Submitted on Wed, 07/07/2021 - 14:48

Submitted by: Anonymous

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#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

### Name

#### First name

Les

#### Last name

Johnston

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

### Info

#### Email

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#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

Balmain 2041

#### Submission

I am very concerned with proposal and strongly object to it proceeding.

The reasons for my objection are based on experience with existing coal mining activities in NSW and the ineffective regulation to prevent environmental destruction and harm.

Issues: transport. Despite years of action, coal transport routes are littered with coal dust. All attempts to prevent coal fines have failed. Residents who live adjacent to coal transport routes are subjected to air pollution which exceeds the NEPM criteria. There is no justification to subject more residents to the long term health impacts from coal transport.

Transport also subjects residents to increased noise levels and new operations will cause many residents to have to leave the area due to excessive noise pollution.

Coal mining also entails the establishment of a new coal washery. Experience has shown that coal washery facilities cause additional pollution of waters due to many reasons including rain events, failure to only use only on-site stored water, process water being lost to groundwater etc.

Mine ventilation systems have a long history of causing excessive noise particularly under temperature inversion conditions. Mining operations too have a history of noisy activities.

Underground mines have a history of causing loss of causing subsidence. The Sydney Newcastle freeway has long sections of roadway that have been undermined and settlement has taken place. No compensation payments have been made by the underground mines for the additional road maintenance required.

Underground mines have also caused extensive loss of surface waters and impacts on water management. Surface water loss impacts critical environments which are reliant on a stable water table for vegetation to be maintained. Loss of surface water has not been able to be stopped by underground mine operators.

The amount of bonds or financial assurance paid by coal mining operations is minuscule relative to the environmental damage and actual restoration costs post mining. Years after mining has commenced, mine operators start negotiations with authorities about mine rehabilitation. Protracted negotiations, company ownership changes and compromise leave the pre-mining environment far worse off. There is no need to repeat past mistakes by opening up yet another area of NSW for coal mining.

The local environment has not been subject to independent investigation to determine existence of endangered species, critical environments for species to migrate to under climate change and the list goes on. A desk top check is not sufficient. Detailed investigation and monitoring of all areas of the proposed mining lease must take place prior to any decision being made.

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**

Julie

**Last name**

Lewis-Phillips

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone

**Submission**

Dear Government body, to even think of releasing these areas are beyond me. We have a booming tourism industry which brings in lots of money to the area. This industry is a long term income. Where coal mining is short term in comparison and environmentally unfriendly to our area and water ways. Dun Swamp is packed every holidays with visitors and there is no way this will not effect its water supply and our towns water supply. Let alone the risk of fires every year in this area and water required to fight them. Some of the areas that they wish to use are areas that our fire fighters can not even get to. So what happens if we have another fire like last year. (which we will) and it gets into the mines. We will have fires going underground for years. This idea is uneconomical and short lived as an industry as less and less countries are interested in coal around the world. So why are we investing in these areas and not more economical ones.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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Submitted on Wed, 07/07/2021 - 13:54

Submitted by: Anonymous

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**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Zoe

**Last name**

Humphreys

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2142

**Submission**

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed coal exploration near Rylstone. The area is important for cultural and environmental reasons. There are numerous Wiradjuri cultural sites. The habitat is home to a number of endangered species. The rivers arising and flowing from the area contribute to the Murray Darling River and other water resources. At a time when it is widely acknowledged that we need to phase out coal it is disappointing to see vulnerable and precious ecosystems threatened.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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

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**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Trevor

**Last name**

Hopkins

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Rylstone

**Submission**

Hello, my name is Trevor Hopkins and with my family I reside at Marika: 185 ReedyCreek Rd, Rylstone NSW. The farm we live on is situated in a Rumker potential new release area.

This farm has been in my wife Sarah's family for 40 years and is now where our young children are growing up. We have NO desire to give up our farm for the land to be used for coal mining, or the beautiful area we inhabit to be destroyed a coal mine in the local area. A coal mine would be detrimental to our lives on many levels as well as the local environment. Also when the entire world is trying to move away from fossil fuels, it seems ludicrous to be opening more coal mines.

Therefore my wife, Sarah Hopkins, and I wish to formally register our objection to a new coal mine either on our land or in our local area.

Regards, Trevor Hopkins

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Wed, 07/07/2021 - 13:05

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Mrinda

**Last name**

Boaz-Cole

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

The Pocket

**Submission**

Apart from the fact that we are in a climate emergency & should be immediately stopping coal 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. You will be held accountable for your actions. Are you making this decision in the best interest of the community both indigenous & non indigenous?

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Last name**

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

Yes

**Info**

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2097

**Submission**

I am constantly amazed at how much disrespect the New South Wales environment minister and government have towards our environment. We have scientific proof showing how coal is bad for our future and environment, yet for some reason policy doesn't reflect scientist proof, the world is warming, no doubt about it, cold is bad, gas is bad for the environment, there is no doubt about it, our children know this and worry they won't be able to live a healthy life, yet still you disregard the information, showing absolutely no respect or regard for the future. It would be devastating for them and they can point the finger at this time, at this place and this generation who have ruined it for everybody. this moment in time this moment in history is when you can change policy and attitude for a better climate and environment. How do you want history to remember you?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**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**

Carolyn

**Last name**

Hadlow

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2227

**Submission**

Re PRIA-

To whom it may concern,

It is time to stop digging up coal. It is time to listen to your voting public. There are more people involved in agriculture than mining.

It is time for our governments, both federal and state to open their minds to alternatives. Green energy for a start!

Yours faithfully,

Carolyn Hadlow

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

### Name

#### First name

Michael

#### Last name

Radziewicz

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

### Info

#### Email

[REDACTED]

#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

Rylstone

#### Submission

As a resident of the Rylstone area for 57 years I strenuously object to Coal mining Development proposed for Hawkins Rumker, for the reasons listed below:

Mining can lead to soil pollution.  
 Increased impact on Climate change due to burning of coal  
 Groundwater pollution-permanent destruction of local aquifers  
 Deforestation on a large scale  
 Depletion of natural resources.  
 Mining causes the permanent destruction of habitats.  
 Endangerment of species, species become locally extinct in the long run.  
 Loss of biodiversity.  
 Landslides become more likely  
 Ecological imbalance  
 Destruction of Indigenous culture and artifacts  
 indigenous tribes will have to leave their homes and that they have to relocate  
 Insufficient regulatory controls  
 Local employment options are limited and do not materialize  
 Mining places impost on already limited local government resources  
 Serious health issues related to mining  
 Particulates, which contribute to smog, haze, and respiratory illnesses and lung disease.  
 Mining wastes can become toxic when they are exposed to air and water.  
 Contamination of local Ecosystem with heavy metals  
 Poor demographic outcomes for local community -increased crime  
 Significant risk that locals are exploited and are forced to work in those mines instead of gaining higher education.  
 Coal Mining is not sustainable in the long run for future of economy  
 Coal Mining not reasonable from an economic perspective  
 Large areas of land can be bought by international mining corporations

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 07/07/2021 6:14:51 AM  
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 Cc: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Wed, 07/07/2021 - 06:14

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

## Name

#### First name

Stephen

#### Last name

Rawlinson

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

## Info

#### Email

[REDACTED]

#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

2101

#### Submission

I object to the granting or renewal of any coal or gas exploration licenses in the Rylstone-Mudgee area for the following reasons: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

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**Name**

**First name**

Dick

**Last name**

Clarke

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2101

**Submission**

I object to the granting or renewal of any coal or gas exploration licenses in the Rylstone Mudgee districts, for the following reasons:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 21:59

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Felicity

**Last name**

Davis

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

BAYVIEW

**Submission**

THERE MUST NOT BE ANY NEW COAL MINES.

They are out, finished, gone. Any government that starts a new coal mine should be sacked! This is not right. They know that global warming is caused by fossil fuels. I am sick of saying this. The scientists have been saying this for many years and the governments will not listen. The governments are in breach of their duty to care for the future generations. This is deplorable. They know fossil fuels emit CO2 which causes global warming and therefore are being wilfully blind, and corrupt and should be sacked. We cannot carry on putting CO2 into the atmosphere it is immoral.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 06/07/2021 9:47:31 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 21:47

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

### Name

First name

[REDACTED]

Last name

[REDACTED]

I would like my submission to remain confidential

Yes

### Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2077

#### Submission

Please do not release the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 km east of Mudgee NSW, for coal exploration.

It has significant cultural sites of the Wradjuri people, including 26 rock shelters with painted or engraved art, camp sites and grinding grooves.

It is next to 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.

It is an important area in terms of waterways, with over 63kms of creeks, & the health of connected catchments including the headwater streams of the Cudgegong River, 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.

More than two-thirds of the area is covered with native vegetation & more than 10% known or potential 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. They are an iconic Australian species that need to be supported to ensure their survival for generations to come.

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.

Considering the importance of this area for preserving native vegetation, endangered species, the health of surrounding areas & neighbouring World Heritage Areas, I implore you to not to release this area for coal exploration.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 06/07/2021 8:09:57 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 20:09

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

### Name

#### First name

Eileen

#### Last name

Whitehead

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

### Info

#### Email

[REDACTED]

#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

6107

#### Submission

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. 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. 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. 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. Knowing the present predicament of climate change being caused primarily by fossil fuels, any plans for more coal mines is completely irrational.

I agree to the above statement

Yes



From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 06/07/2021 6:49:09 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 18:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

## Name

#### First name

Tanya

#### Last name

Leach

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

## Info

#### Email

[REDACTED]

#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

Stanwell Park

#### Submission

To the Director of Energy and Resources Policy,

I wish to express opposition to mining of Rylestone.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Tanya Leach

[REDACTED]

Stanwell Park

I agree to the above statement

Yes



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Submitted by: Anonymous

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

[REDACTED]

**Last name**

[REDACTED]

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

Yes

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Manly

**Submission**

The western fringe of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area is rich in Wiradjuri heritage and wildlife, producing food and wine and visited by people seeking beauty and peace.

It's entirely the wrong place for new coal exploration.

The koalas, woodland birds, clear streams, and painted and engraved Wiradjuri rock shelters are just some of the beautiful and irreplaceable values of the area.

It's not just the wrong place, but also the wrong time for new coal exploration and new coal mines, just as the world is making the change to sources of energy that don't bring catastrophic climate change.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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**Name**

**First name**

[REDACTED]

**Last name**

[REDACTED]

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

Yes

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Castle Hill, 2154

**Submission**

No coal exploration or mining in the area called "Hawkins Rumker" in the historic Rylstone district.

Why? because there should be no more coal extraction at all anywhere in the world and concentrate to find a new source of energy and especially, fix the Covid19 problem first and forget about mining coal for ever.

Thank you.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

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

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Sue

**Last name**

Anderson

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Avalon 2107

**Submission**

I would like to object to any thought of the release of the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal exploration. The reason is that the world does not need any more coal. Coal mines that already exist produce enough coal to see us through to when renewables totally support any power needs. Carbon capture and storage is not proven. It is more important in this case to preserve the environment and protect endangered animal and plants and important Aboriginal sites.

**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**

Sandra

**Last name**

Smith

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2850

**Submission**

Since moving to Mudgee around 20 years ago I have seen the creation of 2 new mines in the area off Ulan road. The destruction of these areas has been devastating. I have seen the rejection of the previous proposed site in the Bylong Valley and am baffled as to why the proposal for a new land release down the road would even be considered. The new proposal site is an area I visit often and I feel is a beautiful piece of Australia that shouldn't be touched. I was hoping that with the creation of new technologies that the current government would look for cleaner renewable energies. Not the cheap and easy option of coal. I understand that there is an election coming in the near future and that the government should consider that. Many voters are thinking of climate change and other job creating opportunities that do not involve creating new coal mines. I am a taxpayer and rate payer in this area. Mudgee does not have adequate roads, water, sewerage, medical facilities to enable more growth. And NO tarring a road from Mudgee town to a mine does not equate to safe and adequate roads. Miners are not the only people who live here. I am totally disgusted that new mines are even a topic of conversation. Why isn't the government using our amazingly intelligent science and engineering community with collaboration with the rest of the world and create other options to coal. I understand coal will always need to be mined but Mudgee has seen enough destruction. With most coal leaving our shores and sometimes no tax being paid by the mine owners we need to look at other alternatives. Leave our beautiful Bylong Valley Alone.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: 06/07/2021 4:43:21 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 16:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

## Name

#### First name

Finbar

#### Last name

O'Donoghue

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

## Info

#### Email

[REDACTED]

#### Suburb/Town & Postcode

Telopea

#### Submission

I object to any new mines when the world needs to stop digging up coal to reduce the amount CO2 in the atmosphere.

It is a lazy approach by any government that is dependent on revenue from coal mines when they should be able to explore other sources of income.

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I agree to the above statement

Yes

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I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

[REDACTED]

**Last name**

[REDACTED]

I would like my submission to remain confidential

Yes

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2065

**Submission**

This area is one of my favourite bushwalking destinations.

I don't think these are the places to open up for new coal exploration; in fact in 2021, nowhere is a place for coal exploration.

Albest,

[REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]  
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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Sandra

**Last name**

Stuart

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2570

**Submission**

I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposal to open the Hawkins/Rumker area for coal exploration. Firstly, the area contains sites and artefacts significant to the First Nations people, the Wiradjuri. Secondly, this is a largely unspoilt and undisturbed area of the natural environment containing irreplaceable flora and fauna including koalas which are currently critically endangered. Considering the large areas that were burnt in the bushfires to destroy more habitat is unconscionable. Fourthly the area contains a number of water courses which would be adversely affected. Australia is the driest continent it is incumbent upon us not to waste or pollute our water sources. Lastly, economic modelling has demonstrated that coal is a 19th century technology and a significant contributor to climate change. Now is the time the NSW government should be following the German example of closing coal mines, not opening new ones. This is a beautiful, unspoilt area which makes it attractive to visitors and residents alike. Make a decision that is not based on the views of the Mineral Council and fossil fuel industry.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 15:14

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Name**

**First name**

Kathryn

**Last name**

Newton

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

PORTLAND

**Submission**

What will the coal be used for? Australia is heading towards zero net emissions by 2050. The rest of the world is not just heading but racing towards this target with green hydrogen and other renewables.

For coal, the writing is on the wall. This proposal is outdated and inappropriate.

**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**

Pauline

**Last name**

Sedgwick

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Mosman Bay 2088

**Submission**

I am making this submission as an individual who loves the Rylstone district and greatly values the Hawkins and Rumker areas for their intact natural beauty, their irreplaceable Wiradjuri heritage and significant ancestral sites. There are intact waterways which once disturbed will be destroyed. The terrible recent bushfires led to the deaths of 70% of the Koala population in Northern NSW- this development would lead to further destruction of koalas and other critically endangered native creatures including the Spotted-tailed quoll and Regent honeyeater.

WE DO NOT NEED MORE COAL MINING IN AUSTRALIA

Sincerely Pauline Sedgwick

**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**

Hugh

**Last name**

Jones

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

2849

**Submission**

I wish to object to the proposal to allow coal a gas exploration in the Hawkins and Rumker areas near Rylstone.

The opening up of new areas to mine new coal reserves (or csg) is in contradiction of The NSW objectives to reduce CO2 emissions. The threat to our climate is too great to risk mining more coal and i strenuously object.

Furthermore, the Rylstone region has several rare and threatened species of plants and animals, several which are endemic to the area and coal mining and associated infrastructure is a threat to this biodiversity. In the case of koalas and quolls, the ongoing fragmentation, loss and degradation of habitat is a key reason for their decline. The exploration area borders the Wolllemi heritage area and includes a large area of natural bush land.

The area has much natural beauty and this attracts many people to our region to appreciate the natural values and the rural landscape. The areas are also important for beef cattle, sheep and goat production, and there are many streams that feed the upper Macquarie catchment which flows in Burrendong dam, a major water storage.

The area has a diverse and prosperous economy, outstanding biodiversity value and much natural beauty. We do not need nor want coal or CSG mining in the region.

**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**

Jill

**Last name**

Stephenson

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

No

**Info**

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

[REDACTED] Woolwich

**Submission**

Hawking Rumker area proposal is yet another shameful approach by our government. We do not need new coal mines, we need funding of renewable energy to save us from ever mounting catastrophic climate events. The area proposed in this instance is home to endangered koalas and other wildlife. It is as yet reasonably pristine with water supply. All of this will be destroyed in the madness that is pursuing fossil fuel development instead of facing up to the reality that renewable energy is the ONLY way forward.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

Director Energy and Resource Policy  
 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
 Locked Bag 5022  
 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

## Submission to the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

[Full Name] [REDACTED]

[Suburb] TERRIGAL

Postcode: 2260

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

Select	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Government has not informed the community properly.</li> <li>- There is no transparency in how the Government will evaluate the submissions.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss of our water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coal exploration and mining disturbs, contaminates and destroys waterways.</li> <li>- Springs and bores can disappear through mining drilling and digging activities.</li> <li>- The many creeks and rivers in the Growee, Lawson and Cudgegong catchments are at risk. The upper Cudgegong waterways are our town's water supply, and this also flows into Windamere Dam, impacting Mudgee and Gulgong.</li> <li>- Mining uses extraordinary volumes of water. Without water, there is no agriculture, no communities, no tourism, no environment, nothing to fight bushfires with.</li> </ul>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Impacts on our tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our community has worked very hard to build a thriving tourism industry. Tourism has sustained, long-term impact; mining is short term. Many of our local businesses are incompatible with mining; tourists do not come to see coal mines.</li> <li>- The landscape may change irreversibly if it is mined</li> </ul>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Town life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The threat of coal exploration and mining creates uncertainty for people. This results in people leaving, people no longer investing in the region, and towns declining as people lose their jobs. Bylong is the perfect example.</li> <li>- Very few if any jobs are created by new mines. Properties and associated infrastructure are built for miners by their own people, not locals</li> <li>- Locals struggle to compete with high wages of miners which drives up housing and other costs.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farms would be lost with up to ~ 32,700 ha of land becoming coal mines.</li> <li>- Our farms and food will sustain us for much longer than a coal mine.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Climate change and carbon emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coal produces 2.42kg of carbon per kg of coal burnt. An underground mine also produces methane emissions.</li> <li>- The world is moving away from coal – Australia must encourage innovation and renewables</li> </ul>

I Have ☐ made any political donations in the last two years. (If yes, disclose )

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

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### What is personal information?

Your personal information relates to you personally and includes any information or opinion made about you. Personal information includes your name, address, phone number, email address or any information from which your identity can be reasonably ascertained.

Personal information is information that identifies you, some examples include:

- a written record which may include your name, address, and other details about you
- electronic records, photographs, images, video or audio footage
- biometric information such as fingerprints, blood and records of genetic material.

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- information about a person's suitability for public sector employment
- information about people who have been dead for more than 30 years
- a number of exemptions relating to law enforcement investigations
- matters contained in Cabinet documents.

### Submissions

When you make a submission to the Department we collect your personal information, including:

- name (including title)
- address
- email (if provided)
- internet protocol (IP) address (if the submission is made online)
- any other personal information contained in a political donations disclosure statement (if provided); and
- any other personal information contained on your submission.

*Making a submission is entirely voluntary and you are under no obligation to provide the Department with any of your personal information, except as otherwise required by law.*

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- Your name (unless you state that you want your name withheld);
- Your suburb;
- Any political donations disclosure statement.

**We may publish any personal information you have included in your submission on a proposal. Do not include any personal information in your submission that you do not want published.**

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Your submission may be published in reports, or other documents that are produced following the exhibition period.

We may forward your submission and personal information to the Planning Assessment Commission if the proposal has been referred to them. The Commission will use your contact details to notify you of any public meetings scheduled for the proposal. The Commission may publish your submission on their website, or in a report in accordance with the Commission's Privacy Statement.

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There are a number of exemptions from compliance with the Information Privacy Principles in the PPIP Act. Some of the exemptions include the following:

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- investigative agencies
- where lawfully authorised or required
- when it would benefit the individual concerned
- Minister being informed of certain matters.

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Under the PPIP Act you have the right to access your personal information held by the Department without excessive delay or expense. You also have the right to have your personal information corrected in certain circumstances (e.g. if it is incorrect). Should you wish to access or correct your personal information contact the Department's designated privacy officer at:

Information Access & Privacy Unit  
4 Parramatta Square, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124  
Phone: 02 9860 1440  
Email: [privacy@dpic.nsw.gov.au](mailto:privacy@dpic.nsw.gov.au)

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If you feel there has been a breach of your privacy under the PPIP Act, you have the right to make a complaint to the Department or to the NSW Privacy Commissioner, [www.ipc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au).

### Contact Planning & Environment

If you have any questions about the application of the agency's privacy policy please contact:

Manager, Information Access & Privacy  
Information Access & Privacy Unit  
4 Parramatta Square, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124  
Phone: 02 9860 1440  
Email: [privacy@dpic.nsw.gov.au](mailto:privacy@dpic.nsw.gov.au)

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Submissions 251-260

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Please confirm receipt.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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*I acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the traditional owners of the lands upon which we live and work, and pay my respects to Elders past, present and future*

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## Submission to the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

I, [Full Name]  
from [Address]

*KANDOS*

Postcode: *2848*

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

*I'm against mining*

Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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I, [Full Name]

from [Address]

Running Stream

Postcode: 2850

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

Destruction of farmland

Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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	Loss of our water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coal exploration and mining disturbs, contaminates and destroys waterways.</li> <li>- Springs and bores can disappear through mining drilling and digging activities.</li> <li>- The many creeks and rivers in the Growee, Lawson and Cudgegong catchments are at risk. The upper Cudgegong waterways are our town's water supply, and this also flows into Windamere Dam, impacting Mudgee and Gulgong.</li> <li>- Mining uses extraordinary volumes of water. Without water, there is no agriculture, no communities, no tourism, no environment, nothing to fight bushfires with.</li> </ul>
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Running stream

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Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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NEIL WILLIAMS

from [Address]

BARA

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BECAUSE I LOVE WHERE I LIVE AND  
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*David Charles Rumker*

Postcode:

*2849*

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I, [Full Name]  
 from [Address]

PORTLAND

Postcode: 2847

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

*I know coal is necessary but we already have enough, so why another one in the Cudgerong catchment?*

Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
	Lack of consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Government has not informed the community properly.</li> <li>- There is no transparency in how the Government will evaluate the submissions.</li> </ul>
	Loss of our water ✓ <i>Pollution!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coal exploration and mining disturbs, contaminates and destroys waterways.</li> <li>- Springs and bores can disappear through mining drilling and digging activities.</li> <li>- The many creeks and rivers in the Growee, Lawson and Cudgerong catchments are at risk. The upper Cudgerong waterways are our town's water supply, and this also flows into Windamere Dam, impacting Mudgee and Gulgong.</li> <li>- Mining uses extraordinary volumes of water. Without water, there is no agriculture, no communities, no tourism, no environment, nothing to fight bushfires with.</li> </ul>
	Air & noise pollution ✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coal mines operate at above normal recommended noise levels all day every day.</li> <li>- Traffic from trucks will increase and coal trains will run through our towns.</li> <li>- The dust and particulate matter from the mine and trucks/trains travels for kilometres.</li> <li>- Pollution is inevitable, e.g. the Hunter valley is now one of the most polluted areas in Australia</li> </ul>
	Impacts on our tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our community has worked very hard to build a thriving tourism industry. Tourism has sustained, long-term impact; mining is short term. Many of our local businesses are incompatible with mining; tourists do not come to see coal mines.</li> <li>- The landscape may change irreversibly if it is mined</li> </ul>
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I, [Full Name]

Laura Tsoloudis

from [Address]

Clandulla

Postcode: 2848

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

as this will affect my children & their growing up in a community that has heritage.

Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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I, [Full Name]  
 from [Address]



Mudgee

Postcode: 2850

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

Enough coal mines

Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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I, [Full Name]

from [Address]

Jenny Jobling

Postcode: 2787

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

The recent climate report warns that the earth will warm by 1.5°C by 2030. We have a duty of care to our children to reduce our impact on the climate. Coal mines do not protect our children's future. Invest in renewables & pollution reduction strategies. Please say NO

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from [Address]

Hazelgrove NSW

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Please confirm receipt.

Regards,

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I, [Full Name]  
 from [Address]

Postcode: 2849

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

*I am concerned for the following reasons:  
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from [Address]

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Rylstone

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 from [Address]



Newcastle

Postcode: 2291

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

I believe coal mining will destroy the area.

Tick	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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[Full Name] [REDACTED]

[Suburb] Marsfield

Postcode: 2122

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[Full Name] [REDACTED]

[Suburb] Nowra

Postcode: 2541

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[Full Name] Beverley F A Atkinson

[Suburb] Scone

Postcode: 2337

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[Full Name] Noel I Crowe

[Suburb] Harrington Park

Postcode: 2567

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[Full Name] [REDACTED]

[Suburb] Denham

Postcode: 6537

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

It is utterly unconscionable to open new coal mines given what we now know about the contribution of fossil fuels to climate change. Australia needs to find much smarter ways of supporting its citizens - ways which tread much more lightly than we have done on natural ecosystems, value land- and sea-scapes and ensure the country meets its moral obligation to contribute to efforts to fight climate change.

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[Full Name] Anna Kotz

[Suburb] Katoomba

Postcode: NSW

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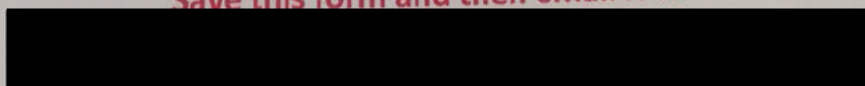
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**[Full Name] MONICA C GAUCI**

**[Suburb] CRABBES CREEK**

**Postcode: 2483**

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

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Regards,

**Heike Schütze**  
 Rylstone Region Coal Free Community



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I, [Full Name]

ALLAN RUFF

from [Address]

2037 COXS CREEK RD

COXS CREEK.

Postcode: 2849

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POLITICIAN COMPLETELY OUT OF TOUCH WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE  
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from [Address] [REDACTED]

KANDOS NSW Postcode: 2848

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KARON STEENBUCK  
 KANDAS

from [Address]

Postcode: 2848

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

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Angus Standfield  
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I, [Full Name]  
 from [Address]

Charbon N.S.W. Postcode: 2848

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

I have medical conditions that will effect me if the mine go ahead. I also fret about losing my rent property as the rent will go crazy and the cost of food will also go up. As I've lived in the area for 20yrs its my home town.

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 from [Address] [REDACTED] Rylstone, NSW  
 Postcode: 2849

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

I have lung problems asthma attacks  
plus i believe is no good for the environment  
for all of our wildlife and the future for  
our children.

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ESTER YEARBY

from [Address]

KANDOS

Postcode: 2848

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I, [Full Name]

Patricia Cooke

from [Address]

Manildra

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I am an older generation Australian who is deeply concerned about our addiction to the quarry economy. Too many unique + beautiful landscapes have been laid waste by coal mining. We know the human health impacts, we know the destruction to waterways, biodiversity, agriculture + cultural heritage. Enough is enough! This is not what I want to leave to my grandchildren!

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## Submission to the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

[Full Name] [REDACTED]

[Suburb] West Pymble

Postcode: 2073

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

Note my concerns regarding this coal mining proposal. No more coal. We must not ignore the dire consequences reflected in the latest IPCC report. This must be left in the ground and the NSW Government must invest in green technology projects from now on. It is inconceivable that this is even being considered. Or don't we care about the next generation's quality of life? Take the dire warnings by scientists seriously as a warning that we cannot continue like this. Enough is enough.

Select	Issue	How it affects or concerns me
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[Full Name]

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