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Marine

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Jane

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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Email

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

2849

Submission

Hi, I am a resident of Rylstone of just over 3 years and I am seriously concerned about the impact of any future mine on the wildlife in the area. I am also concerned about any impact on Indigenous sites. Animal and bird lives will be lost as well as sites of significance precious to peoples of Aboriginal descent.

A mine is NOT necessary. It's essential the area remains pristine.

In my point of view.

Thank you

Regards

Jane Marine

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
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Yes

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

2043

Submission

This development would seriously impact my decision on visiting Mudgee for tourism. I really want to support NSW regions when lockdown ends but I would not place Mudgee on my list if this were to go through.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Cheryl

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Nielsen

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No

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Olinda/ 2849

Submission

I am an owner-operator of a farm and eco-tourism business in Olinda, a family business in it's fifth decade of operation. I am alarmed that I find out via neighbours that the NSW Government is proposing to release 3 areas in our region for coal exploration – Hawkins, Rumker followed by Ganguddy-Kelgoola. It is my understanding that, subsequent, to the ICAC inquiry that there would be appropriate community consultation.

Appropriate & Comprehensive Notification

The first step in community consultation would be the appropriate notification of this intent to the whole potentially impacted community. Notification to landholders only, within a narrow area does NOT constitute appropriate community notification. This, with a supposedly four-week consultation period is absurd and unlawful and does not reflect the recommendations of ICAC.

Further to the notification of the impacted local community, should also be notification to the extensive visitor community that enjoys their regular vacation time in this region, who will also be impacted. Absolutely no consideration has been given to this large population.

As an example, we have over 50,000 visitors annually to Ganguddy (figures from 2019 NSWNP survey data) that stay, eat, and play in our beautiful region. These numbers are representative of just one of our visitor sites. Our visitor numbers have increased with people choosing our area over the Hunter Valley mine-scape with its pollution and ugliness. Area postcode 2333 in the Hunter Valley is now the most polluted postcode in Australia (The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has released a report "The Dirty Truth", mapping Australia's pollution by postcode). This mine will greatly impact our tourist economy and bring Job losses to our community. We are already seeing impact in development just with this proposal.

Our region falls into the Mudgee Regional Tourism area which is the winner in New South Wales' Top Tourism Town 2021 in the over 5,000 residents category (Berrima, also under exploration threat, was the winner in the under 5000 residents category) and has been ranked among the top 10 emerging destinations in the world according to travel website, TripAdvisor. Our region has enjoyed record tourist visitation (Mid-western Community News July 2021).

With a world heritage area adjoining and within the proposed exploration area, makes our region uniquely important far beyond our immediate community's geographical boundaries and it behoves the NSW DPIE to investigate this and appropriately notify, at the very least the residents of NSW. With a World Heritage Wilderness area, I would also expect that UNESCO would be notified and their approval sought under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

Appropriate Public Consultation

Public Consultation acknowledges the desire for affected and interested people to have a say in the decisions that affect their lives, providing a better understanding of the stakeholders' values, issues, interests, and concerns regarding the coal exploration proposal to empowering a rigorous decision process. This helps create a strong foundation for trustful relationships between the stakeholders and NSW DPIE.

To date, there has been no community-appropriate public consultation. The DPIE initially set 4 meetings, capped at 50 persons with pre-registration, as the public-consultation. This can only be called a tokenistic gesture. These meetings, because of the COVID outbreak were moved to a Zoom format. Whilst I appreciate that under the NSW Health Orders, this maybe an alternative way to consult, however, Zoom, is not community-appropriate in a community with poor connectivity and low technological skills.

If you are genuine in seeking community consultation, you will take into account the ramifications of the COVID restrictions and delay the public consultation process until it can be done appropriately and safely. Not to do so, suggests that there is an ulterior motive. Clearly, if we have more than half the Australian population in lockdown & more than half of that in NSW, where even the building industry, for the first time in history has been paused, it is unconscionable that you would continue this process without due consideration. If you deem that this will go ahead regardless of consideration, I ask that you be transparent with us in the reasoning.

I will remind you of Environment Minister Susaan Ley comment on the previous PRIA consultation. While the details maybe different, the resultant, unacceptable form of consultation is equal.

"Ms Leys wrote saying: "Can I also please place on record our significant disappointment at the approach taken, that seeks to minimise community involvement in an important program by, forcing pre-registrations such as this.

"This is not an acceptable form of consultation, or a genuine one. A serious rethink on this approach is needed. Community members should be able to involve themselves at any stage of consultation they wish. This is a basic concept that any organisation with any skills or background in community consultation and engagement would appreciate and implement.

"We fully expect that due to our registration, you will now be seeking to consult with any and all CWA of NSW members in the Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment area who wish to involve themselves in this work and have their views heard on this important matter."

I appreciate, that from community feedback, you are now doing a round of notification and have set up 3 more meetings.

However, that you have only scheduled one community-appropriate meeting, which will not go ahead due to the COVID restrictions, and therefore, this process, if you are genuinely seeking community consultation, must be delayed. It is unconscionable conduct to continue this process with a

disregard for appropriate community consultation, without which, makes it is impossible for community to make informed submissions by the 18th of August.

Again, if you are proceeding ahead, regardless of due consideration, I ask that you be transparent with us in the reasoning. Please be reasonable and explain exactly why this MUST be done in this timeline.

I agree to the above statement
Yes

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

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Submission

I've visited this area many times. As a tourist to the area, it would affect my enjoyment of the area and I would be much less likely to visit.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
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Wilson

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Submission

Mudgee and the are surrounds are part of our incredibly beautiful landscape in NSW and are treasured by residents of the area and Sydney residents alike. I have visited Mudgee before and loved my time there, and would be very unlikely to visit again if the mine goes ahead. This mine has tangible effects on the areas tourism and the residents who enjoy their home.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
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Houlbrook-Walk

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No

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Email

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

2010

Submission

I am a regular tourist to this area, as well as a graduate of a Bachelor of Geography at the university of Sydney. This means my submission is both personal and from an informed professional perspective. The proposed changes will drastically affect the capability of this region to attract tourism, an industry that has thrived in the area over the previous 2 decades. Not only will it permanently affect tourism, but the proposed changes will not produce long term economic or social benefit, given the nature of finite resources. I'm disappointed in the proposal given the drastic affects of climate change to the area in the 2020 fires that saw many locals livelihoods at risk. New projects in mining have not had a meaningful contribution to ongoing employment opportunities in many regional towns given the increase of FIFO practises by larger mining companies. This means that employment opportunities are largely not available to locals. Furthermore, with onsite catering and accommodation, employees are unlikely to create greater economic contribution to local businesses.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
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Bardwell Valley, 2207

Submission

No new coal mines can be afforded in the global climate budget. You have a moral obligation to do all you can to prevent the accelerating/worsening of the climate crisis and a good start would be the veto of any new coalfield exploration. Recent court decisions have upheld the rights of future generations to the chance to live in a world NOT ruined by climate catastrophes and any individual involved in approving this or any future coal project would be complicit in these climate crimes.

I agree to the above statement

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From: [REDACTED]
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I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

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First name

Les

Last name

Mitchell

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Port Macquarie

Submission

HASTINGS BIRDWATCHERS INC

RE: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

I am writing this submission on behalf of Hastings Birdwatchers (HBW) which is a community group on NSW's mid north coast, with over 120 members who are interested in birds and their conservation. Our group is strongly opposed to the release of the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 km east of Mudgee NSW, for coal exploration.

The world is facing a climate emergency and increasing threats to biodiversity and so the further loss of a significant area of woodland habitat is completely unacceptable. It will have both significant negative impacts on many threatened bird species and further limit our ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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.

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.

In summary we believe the following threatened species of birds would be affected by coal exploration and mining

- Regent Honeyeater Critically Endangered under Environmental Planning and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act
- Swift Parrot Critically Endangered EPBC Act
- Flame Robin Vulnerable (V) under NSW Biodiversity Conservation (BC) Act
- Scarlet Robin VBC Act
- Varied Sitella VBC Act
- Square-tailed Kite VBC Act
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo VBC Act
- Spotted Harrier VBC Act
- Little Eagle VBC Act
- Turquoise Parrot VBC Act
- Barking Owl VBC Act
- Brown Treecreeper VBC Act
- Diamond Firetail VBC Act
- Speckled Warbler VBC Act
- Hooded Robin VBC Act
- Grey-crowned Babbler VBC Act
- Black-chinned Honeyeater VBC Act
- Little Lorikeet VBC Act
- Dusky Woodswallow VBC Act

Again HBW strongly urges the NSW Government not to allow coal exploration in this large significant natural area.

Yours sincerely
 Les Mitchell
 Conservation Officer Hastings Birdwatchers Inc.
 July 28th 2021

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Scott Fell

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No

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[REDACTED] Rylstone 2849

Submission

I am confused & concerned that PNSW (state Govt) are even considering opening up Coal mining opportunities given the declining future of coal notwithstanding the environmental target set by the Fed Govt.

Why not invite investors to look at renewables for this area (but not dumb wind generators)

Why create anguish & uncertainty within the local community particularly Farmers that will be ongoing for many years .

Why destruct valuable farming land & the natural crown land inc the habitats of protected Foma & Flora along with Aboriginal Heritage sites.

Why cause destruction & or contamination to the valuable Water Table , Coxes Creek Dunn's Swamp & the Cudgegong River.

Why risk serious health issues to the community given the areas in question are adjacent to communities & Rylstone.

Considering must be given to diminishing land values , affects on tourism, the impact of providing infrastructure, ie very little benefit to the local community in general.

NOTE. Landowners, Farmers & the general community have chosen Rylstone & its surrounds to call HOME because of it's natural beauty, serenity, climate, peace, its high agricultural production. Why jeopardise this for the sake of a short lived coal mine & the destruction left behind. Any remediation by coal miners is a disgrace & in no way replicates the original landscape.

The conclusion is obvious given the statements made.

Why would PNSW even consider a "preliminary Regional Issues Assessment " if there is no guarantee that future exploration or planning approvals will be granted??? This as I have said just prolongs the anguish & uncertainty. Or are these statements by PNSW made to cover up the real issue, Short term Royalties & to Hell with Communities , the Environment & Global Warming.

Regards Cameron Scott Fell.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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ROBERT

Last name
WILDMAN

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

Summer Hill NSW2130

Submission

Dear DPIE,

I thoroughly object to this area of our state being used for coal exploration. We have been told by many international bodies that we cannot open any more coal mines in Australia if we want to stop our world from warming. We have already seen in the last two years the impact of the earth's warming on the world and in particular on Australia.

The areas the NSW Government are looking at opening up are beautiful mountain valleys running along the Great Divide, some abutting the Wollemi National Park, and some are subject to being classified as World Heritage Areas.

WE DON'T NEED MORE COAL. Just go to Lithgow to see the environmental damage that coal has done to this area, particularly to the area which was supposed to be included in the Gardens of Stone National Park when it was designated. There are areas there that cannot be walked on because they are now too dangerous. Do we want to do this to more of these beautiful areas?

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Barry

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Melville

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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Email

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kogarah 2217

Submission

I Object to any extension to any Coal Mines in NSW including the Hawkins -Rumker areas

To be considering extension of Coal Mining is the very opposite to all the good announcements the State Govt. has announced to limit climate change.

The reasons I object are :

- 1)Close proximity to the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Area
- 2)The endangered Koala Population in the Area and of course the Spotted-tailed Quoll
- 3)The Wiradjura Heritage Rock shelters with Painted or Engraved art ,campsites and Grinding groves
- 4)The pristine headwater stream / rivers of the area that flow into Cudgegong River, which is part of the Macquarie River catchment in the Murray Darling and catchments of the Goulburn River.
- 5) The Native vegetation should not be disturbed

Coal mining is on the decline and No new areas should be opened

The wrong place and the wrong time for new coal exploration

Regards Baz

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Stuart

Last name

Kelly

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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Email

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

Rylstone

Submission

I have worked in support of the mining industry as a boilermaker in the Kandos district for almost 40 years. In that time I have witnessed the demise of Kandos Colliery, Charbon Colliery, Kandos Cement, Kandos Piggery, Maceco Engineering, and at least 15 retail shops in Kandos. Most of those working families have moved on in pursuit of work. Some of those people have been replaced by peaceful retirees. Some have been replaced by the arty set who have plenty of time to protest against mines. Others who have moved here would appear to be career welfare recipients who pay no tax at all.

I would welcome any employment opportunities to our area as we are on our knees regarding taxpayers to feed the loafers. Stuart Kelly

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
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Name

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Stephanie

Last name

Steenbuck

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kandos 2848

Submission

I'm writing to voice my opinion that the Mid Western Regional Council should not release the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal mining.

Point first, mining of coal is as a fossil fuel is being phased out of our countries usage, and as a council who's been able to celebrate renewable options including the solar farm and wind farms, which offer a much longer term scope for bribing jobs to the region as well as big industry. Look to the long term future of our region. Bypass mining was rejected as too should this be. Mid western regional council should be looking to step into leadership on creating a new and sustainable future to celebrate our communities and our children for long futures in our beautiful area.

Second point, mining has decimated our wine region to the north. The hunter valley is famous for its wines, as too is the mid western region, and huge mining is ruining the landscape, and brings more road toll deaths from workers, and I believe would hurt our thriving tourism, arguable the best in Australia at the moment. We shouldn't deface our region for some short cash flow.

Third point, look how close these areas are to the Wollemi national park. We need to do a better job of preserving the one of a kind natural assets of our region, and mining across Australia as proven complete disregard for both natural and historic sites to our countries history. There can be zero guarantee that the effects of coal mining in that region will not have long term detrimental effects on our ancient trees that were only just moments from death in the 2019 fires.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28/07/2021 8:43:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Anthony

Last name

O'Reilly

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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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 it's resources into developing renewables and making Australia a world leader in battling climate change instead of dragging it's 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

Anthony O'Reilly

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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

Yes

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Email

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Suburb/Town & Postcode

2849

Submission

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a local who was born in Rylstone, educated in Kandos, studied at the University in Sydney and have returned for some time to live on the family farm and raise my daughter. I have a connection to the wild places and the agricultural land in this area, and I know the community who also have these connections and value the place as home. The uniqueness of the rock formations and pagodas, the mountains, the valleys, the rivers and the vegetation is not only meaningful to local people (including those with aboriginal heritage and others who have settled in the area), but also to those who have been drawn to the area in recent times to live or to visit. I have seen the community grow, and the love they have for this place. I have seen a tourism industry thrive as tourists, campers, travelers have discovered the unique, beautiful places (national park, farm stays, local towns) the diverse wildlife, the scenery and the produce of the area. Local business is thriving and the towns have more to offer tourists than ever. With several local primary schools and a high school, an art community, an art festival, a farming industry, a thriving tourism industry the area does not need a destructive coal mine, or the potentially dangerous exploration proposed. Locals and landcare groups who are committed to improving habitat for threatened species, and regenerating the local rivers, improving the environmental health (and human health) in the area do not need their work undone, nor will the land owners stand for it, to allow any land in this release area be subject to coal mining. Local aboriginal knowledge and stories are being learned and shared within the indigenous community and also shared with locals and visitors to the area (we have our aboriginal community center and indigenous gallery). Aboriginal heritage, sacred sites are absolutely under threat by this proposal.

With climate change upon us we have been reliant on coal for decades too long. This industry is not only destructive in the mining phase, but is a major contributor to climate change which is a crisis for our planet, the systems and species on it, and our children. This proposal to allow coal exploration in the Hawkins and Rumker release areas is totally flawed. The exploration itself threatens our swamps, surface water and groundwater systems and the ecosystems, people and agricultural industry dependent on them. The coal mining that would ensue would destroy all of the above as well as the community and industries I've mentioned. Nothing positive can come from such a short sighted, damaging proposal. The proposal represents long term, irreversible destruction for very short term gain for a small few who do not live here. It has incredibly destructive implications and would be absolutely disastrous for our community and the land.

I absolutely oppose all exploration of the Hawkins and Rumker release areas.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Submission

As a local landholder, I'm writing to strongly oppose this area being opened for coal exploration and future mining.

A major concern for us is the impact this would have on our water sources. Our whole property is literally sustained by the dams, water holes and streams that thrive from our untouched water tables. Our whole region is directly supported by these water sources. It is completely nonsensical and unfathomable that these would be placed at risk for the sake of mining. These water sources will sustain us ongoing into the future, hopefully for many many generations. They simply will not be rehabilitated once they have been damaged. How could they possibly be compromised for the sake of such short term thinking in regards to the coal industry? It's highly alarming that there is no future projection of this impact, given that our region has even been opened for consideration.

Our aquifers are our lifeline. And with the increasing risk of bushfires and drought that has already devastated this area, every bit of water resource is vital. This mining proposal will affect the The Rylstone Dam catchment, and threatens our local water supply for the towns of Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon and Clandulla. If our water sources are damaged, the reality will be that our properties and local surrounds will no longer sustain growth and life. This is acutely serious, and essentially means the government is prepared to risk the whole future of our sustainability for the sake of some short term economic benefit. Land that has been thriving for tens of thousands of years could be permanently ruined in a matter of years.

We simply cannot endanger our vital water resources, once they have gone that's it. The government can talk about funds for rehabilitation post mining, but when it comes to water this is impossible. We consider this an extremely serious threat, with a terminal outcome. And we will fight with everything to protect our water and land.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

Name

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Judy

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Smith

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

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Blaxland 2774

Submission

Submission in attached file.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

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Submitted on Tue, 27/07/2021 - 15:15

Submitted by: Anonymous

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Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Sarah

Last name

Barratt

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

COXS CREEK

Submission

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

1. It will greatly impact our water quality and supply. Our property relies on an underground spring for our homes and livestock, which also feeds into the Cudgegong River. It is a haven for much birdlife and wildlife, especially water birds. Mining and exploration would damage this through drilling and digging, and contamination. This would be a issue for all surrounding properties
2. Our area has significant evidence of Aboriginal activity which needs to be preserved and would be impacted by mining and mining exploration.
3. There is a great deal of agriculture in the area which would be lost to mining and impact the food supply for the wider community.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27/07/2021 11:45:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 27/07/2021 - 11:45

Submitted by: Anonymous

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Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name
DEREK

Last name
FINTER

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email
[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode
MUDGEE 2850

Submission

This is a submission opposing the proposal.

The International Energy Agency this year stated that there must be NO NEW COAL MINES opened if the planet is to have any hope of avoiding catastrophic levels of global warming.

Which part of that does the NSW Government not understand ?

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27/07/2021 10:16:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 27/07/2021 - 10:16

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

Clandulla 2848

Submission

The small community of Rylstone/Kandos and its surrounds have experienced a huge industry loss when the Cement works in Kandos closed many years ago. Kandos suffering more so than Rylstone, in particular small business and families. Many families had to move away and the domino effect is loss of facilities or downsizing. The kids of the community, who have grown up here are having to now move away for work. There is minimal here for kids to do. There is no reason to stay. Those who decided to stay are travelling in excess of an hour one way trip for work to continue to reside in the area. Shops/small businesses have closed as a result. Look at how many shop fronts in Kandos are empty, and Rylstone is not discriminated in this either. Many have been turned into residences. We need a major employment industry in the area for both towns to remain viable.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 9:17:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 21:17

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Nish

Last name

Fernando

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kellyville Ridge NSW2155

Submission

Director Energy and Resource Policy,
 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
 Locked Bag 502
 Parramatta NSW2124

Nish Fernando

[REDACTED]
 Kellyville Ridge NSW2155

26/07/2021

Submission for the Hawkins Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment

I am deeply disturbed to hear about the proposed Hawkins Rumker coal exploration. I strongly oppose this proposal and my reasons are given below.

I am a banker, 56 years in age. My wife's elderly parents live in Lithgow and my family and I visit them regularly, often staying over for weekends. One thing our family enjoys doing whilst in Lithgow is exploring surrounding areas, and the Rylstone region and its surrounds is one of our favorites. We love exploring the wonders of nature in our 4wd - this region has so much to offer, we keep coming back. My wife and I are also members of a 4wd club and again visit this region frequently with other members and friends. The local shops, and the incredible boutique winery in Rylstone often counting among our regular stops. The beautiful local people are also a definite attraction. This is a picturesque, serene, historic and unique region and it is distressing to even think what a coal mine could do to it.

Effects on Flora and Fauna

- a lot of endangered flora and fauna species as well as endangered ecological communities could be lost.
- Coxs Creek is totally unique and would be under threat.
- Waterways would be disturbed/destroyed, and this would lead to a loss of fish habitat and threatened fish species.

Effects on Water

- Mnes have a significant negative impact on the water resources of a local area and precious water supplies in the region would be lost
- The beautiful rivers and creeks in the region will have less water and can be gone forever.
- The Rylstone Dam catchment is in the proposed exploration areas. The upper catchment of the Cudgegong River feeds into the water supplies of Rylstone Dam and Windamere Dam.
- The proposed release areas threaten the water supply for the towns of Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon and Clandulla; water flow to Mudgee may also be negatively impacted.
- This region only recently suffered from a prolonged drought, what will happen when the next drought come? where will the water come from (if a coal mine is using most of it)?

Effects on the community, local economy and health

- There would be a lot more traffic, including heavy vehicles on the local and rural roads
- Noise will increase dramatically
- Air quality would be reduced due to coal dust from blasting, mining and transporting coal.
- Respiratory health conditions will be on the rise
- Mnes would transform this picturesque area into an unsightly, industrialised one. The serenity of the area will be gone.
- As a result, visitors to the area will decrease, affecting local shops and the local economy.
- Locals will be progressively driven out as they are often unable to compete with the high wages of miners who drive up housing and other costs.
- There will be a loss of agricultural lands, farms would eventually disappear
- The people in the region have built long-term sustainable economic stability for this region. This revenue stays in the pockets of the local businesses. Businesses that have helped build the tourism industry in the region include vineyards, olive groves, horse studs, beef and sheep farms, eco-tourism, short stay accommodation, restaurants, cafes, antique shops, soft furnishings and knick-knacks for example. These businesses are incompatible with mining: tourists do not come to see coal mines!
- Just the threat of new mines being developed decimates many of the existing businesses as people stop investing or move away - even if the mine ultimately does not get approved. This has already happened in nearby Ulan, Wollar and Bylong.

Effects on Aboriginal Heritage

- There are many Aboriginal heritage sites within the areas, including art and ceremonial sites, that are at risk. We have a duty as a nation to protect these sites.

Issues with the PRIA Process

- I am personally concerned at the lack of real community consultation. The PRIA process is as a result of the Independent Commission Against Corruption recommendations that there should be community consultation. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has been aware of these coal release areas for over a year, yet it has only issued notices for consultation in June 2021. I have learnt The community consultations occurred after the submission portal was already open. In-person consultation was capped at four groups of 50 people, with one of these to be held in Mudgee (there are over 3000 people in the greater Rylstone region). With COVID outbreaks in Sydney, the in-person consultation moved to an online format, with less than one week's notice. This area has poor internet connectivity and the people in the area are not highly internet savvy. Expected participation dropped rapidly with the move to online meetings.

- I am concerned at the lack of transparency – it looks like no transparent method has been provided for how the Government will weight and evaluate the submissions.

- I am concerned that this submission process is the only time the community will have any say in the process until they are presented with the NSW Cabinet's decision.

Yours sincerely,

Nish Fernando

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 6:57:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 18:57

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

KANDOS

Submission

I believe the environmental and social impact will be catastrophic to the region especially kandos and rylstone. The area is known for its natural beauty and this will destroy that. Also the amount of noise through the town roads and rail will significantly effect the residents in town and we simply dont want this.

Unless you build a new railway that goes right around the towns and it has zero impact to kandos and rylstone, and all the trucks and machinery find other ways to travel that doesn't effect kandos rylstone. Realestate prices will go down with all the new traffic and railway noises effecting everyone in town and those along the railway line.

Lets keep kandos and rylstone green

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 5:23:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 17:23

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Tim

Last name

Frew

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Glen Alice

Submission

Great idea . Think of all the new jobs . Best coal in the world Australian coal ..

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 5:11:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 17:11

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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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

Rylstone

Submission

I own a farm in the area outlined for potential mining and to say I'm worried about its impact is a gross understatement!
There is so much wildlife and cultural importance in this area that would be devastated if mining where to happen. I do not support this exploration at all!

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 2:56:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 14:56

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Geoffrey

Last name

Mills

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

[REDACTED] Mudgee 2850

Submission

Would provide an enormous boost for the whole Rylstone and Mudgee region as far as employment opportunities are concerned at a time when Rural communities need it most.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 5:55:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 05:55

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

Rylstone

Submission

I've been coming to Rylstone for the past 4 years. The natural beauty and quiet are extremely unique... and the community is fantastic. Indeed I've been thinking about how I could make the area my home. I honestly cannot imagine returning if the area was converted into coal mines.

I'm not sure whom would be served by turning it into coal mines. The local community certainly doesn't want it, and Australian businesses at-large would only be helped in the short-term as the demand for coal continues to go down.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 3:27:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 03:27

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Martina

Last name

Lin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

USA

Submission

Hi, I currently live in the US. Visiting this part of Australia land was my plan before the pandemic. I am attracted by the beauty of the land and the landscape and fascinating by the local animals and plants.

Recently I am surprised to find out about the possible coal mine exploration in this area. This can potentially had effects on the harmony of the lands, plants and animals in this region.

I sincerely asked for a serious consideration of not pursuing the coal mine exploration. Not only the data shows the coals are not in demands as the fuels but most importantly the balance and beauty of the land, plants and animals which are precious to this region.

Sincerely,

Martina

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26/07/2021 1:20:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 26/07/2021 - 01:20

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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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

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Ravendale, CA 96123 USA

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the Hawkins and Rumker areas being opened for coal exploration as this is a precursor to coal mining. This needs to be stopped now.

Each year for the last 10 years I have been coming to this area for retreat. It is a spectacular place and I would hate to see it devastated by coal exploration much less coal mining.

I understand that coal mining can lead to endangering flora and fauna species as well as endangering ecological communities which could be lost. Waterways would be disturbed or destroyed, and this would lead to a loss of fish habitat and threatened fish species. The riparian meadows along Reedy Creek and Breakfast Creek could be lost. The Swamp Grassland and Sphagnum Bog in the central part of Cox's Creek is thoroughly unique and would be under threat.

Please stop the consideration for mining exploration now.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 25/07/2021 10:55:50 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 22:55

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Theresa

Last name

Montoya

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

New York City, USA

Submission

Hello. My name is Theresa, and I am writing you all the way from the concrete jungles of New York City regarding the Hawkins Rumker coal exploration. You might be surprised why I am bothering to write all the way from the New York, given how we – and by we I mean the hefty United States – has its own set of problems.

The reason I'm writing is because I visited your area twice already in the last 4 years because of good friends living there, the last time being Jan 2020. There were significant fires in your area at that time! But even then, on days when the smoke wasn't so bad, I had an incredible gift of seeing all kinds of animals and hearing bird sounds during my walks that gave me a sense of what it would have been like hundreds of years ago. I saw joeys, wallabys, wombats; I heard these birds that sound like screeching monkeys, and at one point I thought it was a child (I think they were called kookaburras). And the fields I walked just felt so... undisturbed. It was a pure gift to have that. I was proud of the Australians. I thought to myself while walking around that Americans would no doubt build a dumb resort and charge people money to see what I saw.

Then my friends told me that there was talk about building a coal mine possibly in the Rylestone region. I was dumbfounded. For me, coal mining is associated with: black lung disease. Big time. I should know – two of my friends from college came from the coal mining towns of Appalachia. Coal mines through combustion processes also emit incredible amounts, streams upon streams, of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), which lead to acid rain and respiratory illnesses, and also nitrogen dioxide, which is horrible on any creature, human or animal. Plus all the land clearings of trees, plants, topsoil that need to be done. On a selfish level, I was hoping to send my nieces to your area when they grow up so I can have them see what it was like to see all this wildlife and peacefulness of land that has nothing to do with American national parks, but people actually living that way. And now... coal mines???

My last argument on why this is a very bad idea can be summarized in one word: Centralia. Have you heard of this town? Centralia is a town in Pennsylvania (USA) where a coal fire gone bad that started in 1962 is ****still burning in 2021.**** And more horribly, to quote History.com: "According to the state's Department of Environmental Protection, the fire could burn for another century if left uncontrolled." The great US government in all its might have not been able to end this fire for 39 years and counting – along with 37 other still active coal mining fires. Any google search of Centralia will reveal photos of abandoned streets with fumes wafting up cracks, sinkholes that keep appearing, a ghost town... seriously, is this what you would like the Hawkins and Rumker areas to become??? I get that not every coal mining town becomes like this, but Centralia has become a very serious cautionary tale of how well-meaning people put into motion a series of changes that could not be undone when things started to go wrong. Which begs to mind the question: why do it, why start coal mines, when they are not necessary?

I am happy to continue corresponding with you and to be reached with any questions. I ask that you please take very serious considerations on starting something that, if unnecessary (which I think it is), could go very very bad and will be impossible to undo.

Thank you,
 Theresa Montoya
 New York City

(Source: [REDACTED])

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 25/07/2021 10:28:59 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 22:28

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Theresa

Last name

Montoya

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

United States (New York)

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Thank you,
 Theresa Montoya
 New York City

(Source: [REDACTED])

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/07/2021 12:39:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 12:39

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

Mudgee

Submission

hi ' my property "Glendos"lies within the Hawkins proposed release area.while there are always cons to a development like this i feel that an underground coal mine that appears to be mostly under crown land or certainly not bylong valley type prime agriculture land would have a large economic benefit to my region. i feel that the job opportunities it would provide as well as flow on effect to other business would outweigh any negative impacts.

regards

[REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/07/2021 10:28:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 10:28

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Ren Shang

Last name

Teoh

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Singapore 312010

Submission

I am a frequent visitor to Australia, with close family and friends there, and the Rylstone Region is one of our favourite rural getaways from the hubbub of the Sydney and the other major cities of that region. With the proposed exploration of coal mining in the Rylstone Region, what alarms me is how that contradicts the NSW government's assessment of falling demand from coal, aim for net-zero emissions, coal mines all over Australia at under-capacity due to falling demand, and introducing the coal industry into an area that has never been reliant on coal mining. Furthermore, that will destroy the pristine natural environment of this area, and disrupt the farming and small-town communities here. I fail to understand how the low economic gains of introducing coal mining in this area, can trump the losses from the destruction of natural habitats, environmental pollution, and the economic and social impact on the farming and small-town communities. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that the losses far outweigh the gains, unless the gains all go into one party's pocket - the coal industry itself. At the very least, you will surely lose the tourist dollar, as I cannot imagine local or overseas travellers looking for a getaway ever wanting to stop by the "Rylstone Region Coal Mining Area", should that become a reality in a few years time.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/07/2021 10:09:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 10:09

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Ren Shang

Last name

Teoh

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Singapore 312010

Submission

The network of farms and small towns in the Rylstone Region has always offered me a safe haven to recharge myself, when I travel to Australia. I enjoy my road trips to this region, buying all kinds of produce and talking to different people. If the coal industry moves in, that landscape will change radically, farms will have to be closed down to make way for mines and roads, and the communities of the towns will be changed with the influx of miners. If that were to happen, I will not visit the Rylstone Region again.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/07/2021 9:57:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 09:57

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Ren Shang

Last name

Teoh

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Singapore 312010

Submission

I have close friends in the Rylstone Region who own property, and I used to visit them regularly before COVID-19 travel restrictions started, flying in from Singapore. If this area is given to the coal industry, my friends will certainly sell their property and leave the area, and there will be no reason for me to ever visit the Rylstone Region again.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/07/2021 9:40:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 09:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Ren Shang

Last name

Teoh

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Singapore 312010

Submission

I have visited the Rylstone Region before on several occasions, in the past 10 years. It's a lovely area, quiet, nature, wildlife, allowing myself and my fellow overseas travellers to recharge ourselves. If all that is going to be replaced by the coal industry, all that is beautiful in that area will be destroyed, and we will never go there again.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/07/2021 6:20:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 25/07/2021 - 06:20

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Felicia

Last name

Chavez

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

San Rafael, CA, USA, 94915

Submission

I am against the proposed Hawkins Rumker coal exploration. My reasons are outlined below.

The idea of exploring for more coal mines (and in the modern, English-speaking world no less) is so outlandish I somehow heard about it all the way over here in California.

As someone who was considering visiting this area in 2022 my first thought was, "Maybe I should change my plans." I realize this is only an exploratory phase and new mines would take some time to begin operation. Nevertheless, even the idea of future coal mines is off-putting, to say the least.

One of the draws toward Australia for me is the extraordinary beauty of the stars at night. I've long hoped to visit and see this famous starry sky for myself. Whether right there in NSW or elsewhere, coal obscures the night sky and cheats everyone of the opportunity to enjoy this basic human experience of gazing at the stars.

Though I am on the other side of the world, climate change makes further extraction and use of coal pertinent to everyone, everywhere.

Thank you for your attention.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 2:29:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 14:29

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Kirsten

Last name

Garrett

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Redfern

Submission

Hello, I am aghast that the NSW government is considering coal mining project around and near Rylstone. I and my friends have spent many summers visiting the area, and canoing on the Cudgegong River. There is so much priceless nature, native animals, and still and quietness around there. My grandson would long to go on the river each Christmas and said the aboriginals were lucky to have this bushland. Please leave it alone. Coal is now well known as a danger to the whole planet, and getting it out has ruined many other townships in NSW. Rylstone will change forever, just wait for the first McDonalds, if it becomes a coal town. Most of all, do your bit now to minimise the climate changes already happening. And save the wild places, the farmlands, the world for our children. Kirsten Garrett.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 2:25:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

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Submitted by: Anonymous

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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

Bondi

Submission

Damage to the area will be too great. I object to this coal mine going ahead.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 2:14:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Richard

Last name

Stanford

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Randwick, 2031

Submission

Please do not explore for coal, or any fossil fuels, in the Hawkins and Rumker areas.

Burning fossil fuels is causing global warming, which is affecting our climate, with increased severe weather events, fires and floods. We need to stop creating greenhouse gasses, we need to transition to 100% renewable energy, which is cheaper than fossil fuel generation and amply available.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 1:57:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 13:57

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Linda

Last name

Carroll

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

[REDACTED], WA 99205 USA

Submission

As an international citizen who understands the importance to the world of preserving Australia's unique species and ecosystems, I urge you to reject all requests to explore for and/or mine coal in the Hawkins-Rumken region, which is extremely important ecologically. To date, its ecosystem has remained relatively intact and it hosts a number of species that are important or at risk, such as the koala. In many cases, it is the destruction of habitat that has put them at risk, making the preservation of this region all the more important.

Please make Australia known for preserving its unique species and ecosystems, not for destroying them.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 1:36:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 13:36

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Kate

Last name

Ravich

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2065

Submission

I strongly oppose the establishment of any mine sites, but particularly coal mines, in the Hawkins Rumker area.

This area contains important habitat for a number of threatened species, most notably the Regent Honeyeater that is listed under the EPBC Act as Critically Endangered. All woodland birds are now decreasing in number largely due to the ongoing loss of habitat as are many other species both flora and fauna and including a severely depleted population of Koalas.

We cannot afford to lose anymore habitat if we have any interest in halting the ongoing decline and extinction of species in Australia noting that we are already the worst offender for loss of species worldwide. To knowingly allow projects that will negatively impact on already listed and declining species, is an act of vandalism and will be seen as such by voters. Given 33km of the Rumker area borders with the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area the international community will also see this as an act of vandalism. I understand concerns have already been raised at the World Heritage Centre and IUCN about the potential impacts of eight mining operations on the boundaries of the site. Coal mines nearby will impact on the WH area in some way whatever environmental conditions are placed on the mine e.g. air pollution.

This ancient landscape is rich in Wiradjuri heritage. I understand that publicly available data reveal 26 separately recorded sites including rock shelters with painted or engraved art, camp sites and grinding grooves. So much of aboriginal heritage has already been lost. We cannot in all conscience continue destroying it. Again, the establishment of these mines would amount to acts of vandalism.

Clean, fresh water is becoming a rarer and rarer phenomenon with several streams, including the headwaters of the Cudgegong River still in good condition. These lead into 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. Allowing contamination of these waters, that will occur should mine sites be established, together with the amount of water coal mines use, would again constitute an act of environmental vandalism.

Finally, there is Climate Change which we know is being driven by the use of fossil fuels. Unless we stop our current behaviours and reduce our usage of fossil fuels, then the impacts of run-away climate change, a state we are already very close to, will have enormous and long-term impacts on us all and our natural heritage.

We, the people of Australia and the world represented by our governments, have a moral and long-term survival obligation, to act against climate change in every possible way we can.

To allow the establishment of new coal mines when we know these will have severe detrimental impacts across the board, is not only an act of stupidity and vandalism, ignoring science, but betrays the moral obligations we have to ourselves and the world we live in.

Please do NOT allow these mines to go ahead.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 1:26:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 13:26

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

Randwick 2031

Submission

The Hawkins and Rumker areas should not be released for coal exploration for the following reasons:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The area contains high value waterways, covering over 63km of creeks in good or moderate stream condition, which are fragile to disturbance.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 1:22:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 13:22

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Martin

Last name

Watts

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

St Marys 2760

Submission

As a nation , we are supposed to be moving away from fossil fuels , to help save the planet from the worst of climate change . How in God's name does opening a coal mine at Rylstone help keep any of the promises made by our governments of moving towards zero carbon emission ?! NO to this project !!!!!

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 1:06:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 13:06

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Emmanuel

Last name

Fardoulis

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Randwick, 2031

Submission

My name is Emmanuel Fardoulis of Randwick NSW.

I'm objecting to any fossil fuel's exploration especially coal West of the Great Dividing Range, and particularly in the Hawkins and Rumker area.

The environment concerns are beyond comprehension, pollution to the air, land and water rivers and catchments and underground water. The social structure of the area, the farming communities will all be adversely affected. This would also create impact on existing infrastructure and services.

Conflicts will arise of land use for farming and also Aboriginal Sacred sights and National Parks and Wildlife being impacted.

Please reconsider coal exploration west of the Great Divide.

Thank you for your time and your urgent consideration in this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel Fardoulis

[REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 1:06:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Hardy

Last name

Crombach

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2131

Submission

I am opposed to the proposed release of coal for a number of reasons.

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.

The proposed release of coal will impact negatively on our state's obligation to clean sourced power generation. Burning coal impacts negatively on people's health and therefore should not be considered for industrial or power generation purposes.

Please do not allow this development to proceed.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 12:35:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 12:35

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Helen

Last name

Smith

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Greenwich 2065

Submission

I am astounded that the Government is considering opening up new areas to coal mining. The Rylstone area is beautiful - a place of rich aboriginal heritage, natural wonders, wonderful tourism. Please do not do this. Think of our children and grandchildren - let's leave them a world still with some natural wonders and lessen the risks of runaway climate change which will devastate life on earth.

Thank you
Helen Smith

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 12:23:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Christopher

Last name

Ross

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Helensburgh 2508

Submission

I am very concerned to learn of the proposed opening of this area to coal exploration.

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.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 12:01:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 12:01

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Ann

Last name

Austin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Longueville 2066

Submission

I strongly oppose the opening of any any land to the exploration of coal mining. ALL our efforts must be placed now on clean energy alternatives if we are to have a chance to ensure a functioning planet for our children. I am appalled our Government is even considering coal exploration a relevant exercise to undertake anywhere, let alone in this area of valuable wilderness. Our future is not in fossil fuels. Our efforts and money should not be in fossil fuels. Our elected leaders need to care about our future.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:45:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:45

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

2048

Submission

I would like to request for the application to be rejected in whole for the following reasons.

This area is located between world heritage forest and prime food and wine country. Most developed countries have a long history of protecting this type of land. Look at the Tour De France. A coal mine here would not only destroy this area but also the surrounds - as proven from failed environmental protection plans.

A site review with locals to see the site and the adjacent areas should be held by the approval panel prior to any decision. So they can see what will be destroyed if they approve it.

An approved coal mine would be a short sighted vision. We do not need this. Other long term solutions should be found that future generations could profit from as well.

Thanks for your consideration.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:40:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Sara

Last name

Carroll

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2042

Submission

The whole world is transitioning from fossil fuels. Why then is Australia so keen to expand its development. It can only be driven by greed and corruption. We the people of Australia don't need and don't want more coal. It is shameful to destroy our country and our heritage to make a profit on foreign sales.

Previous proposals in this area have found that apart from the detrimental environmental impact on the area, there is insufficient water available for coal mining.

The area proposed has significant heritage sites as well. This proposal should not be approved.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:37:38 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

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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

Greenwich 2065

Submission

I wonder if the parliamentarians making a decision about coal mines in the Rylstone area have ever been there. It is a beautiful part of the country and I strongly protest the possibility that it could be ruined by coal mining which is against every recommendation by the Climate Council.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:35:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

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Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Neale

Last name

Siebert

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

MANLY

Submission

Hi

This is such a bad project - it is time to stop new coal mines full stop.

Kind regards
Neale Siebert

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:34:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:34

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

VICKI

Last name

BARRY

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2040

Submission

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to respectfully ask that no coal exploration licence be extended to any present and future submissions to explore for coal, or coal seam gas in the Hawkins Rumker area.

Please consider that allowing licences for coal exploration is against all the guidelines for trying to slow the encroaching Climate Change. We have already seen massive fires in this area and those adjacent in 2019-2020.

We have seen the decimation of wildlife and farming lands. We are irreversibly losing the battle to protect our environment.

Please do not allow the procedure for this to continue to happen. We are already seeing the pollution of waterways in spills from existing mines, and the escapes of captured polluted waters into our vital waterways.

Thanking you for you attention.

Vicki Barry.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:30:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:30

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Christine

Last name

Norris

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Wheeler Heights 2097

Submission

I respectfully register my opposition to ANY release of lands in the Hawkins-Rumker area for coal exploration or mining.

The climate crisis is such that we urgently need to phase out the use of fossil fuels and invest our tax dollars in the renewable energy resources so abundant in our country. That is one of my objections new coal exploration.

As a teacher and a concerned citizen, I am also well aware of the harm that coal mining would do to country that is on the fringe of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

It is past time for Australians to consider the needs and heritage of Indigenous people, in this case the Wiradjuri mob. This being NAIDOC Week and its theme being "Heal Country!", I submit that we need to do more than pay lip service to country.

Moreover, the intense climate change related fires of 2019-2020 killed huge numbers of wildlife. We need to preserve all the intact habitats and surrounds that we can.

In summary, for the sake of the land, the waterways, the wildlife and the local people, I register my objection to coal exploration/mining in Hawkins-Rumker.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs Christine Norris
6 Ettalong Street
Wheeler Heights
NSW 2097

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:25:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

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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

NORTH BONDI

Submission

This is a terrible idea. We do not need more coal. MOVE FORWARDS!!!! We cannot afford to keep regressing like this. You're losing my vote if you do this.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:24:27 AM
To: DPE Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Mailbox [REDACTED]
Cc: DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:24

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

John

Last name

Russell

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Chatswood, NSW 2067

Submission

Hearing about world and local climate disasters I wonder why we are even considering new coal mines.

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.

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.

I am advised 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.

Pursuing this proposal is strongly objected to-please abandon it.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:20:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:20

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Dan

Last name

Katz

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Glebe

Submission

I am AGAINST coal exploration in the Rydstone district.

Why would we risk upsetting the ecological balance in a good area when coal is fast being replaced by cleaner and cheaper energy sources? I understand we can not phase all coal use out immediately, but surely we do not need to be desperate to explore new sources of coal.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:15:18 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:15

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

2011

Submission

This is an important natural environment with good native habit and waterways as well as endangered species such as the regent honeyeater. It is also a heritage area of significance to indigenous Australians.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 11:08:33 AM
To: DPE Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Mailbox; [REDACTED]
Cc: DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 11:08

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Rick

Last name

Cavicchioli

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Grays Point

Submission

Matt Keane and the NSW government have been making good strides in adopting renewables for energy generation. It's almost enough for me to consider voting for the Liberals in the next election - something I have not done for a very long time.

NSW must not entertain any ideas for the development of new or the expansion of existing coal mines. All fossil fuel usage must stop and all energy generation (stationary, transport, etc) but come renewables.

A simple and comprehensible message that State, Territory and Federal governments must adopt as Government Policy is:

1. Electrify everything (transport, heavy industry, manufacturing, etc).
2. Make all electricity generation renewable.

These two policies alone will go a tremendously long way towards underpinning and maintaining a sustainable future. They have the added advantage of being short, easy to remember, and easy to measure policies: have 'you' made it run using electricity, or not? Is the electricity from renewables, or not?

No fossil fuels, just renewables. It is a no brainer decision with Australia having all the credentials and inexpensive source of power to deliver.

Please do NOT develop a Hawkins-Rumker 'coal release area', and do NOT open the area up for new coal exploration and new coal mines.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 10:56:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 10:56

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Vsevolod

Last name

Maskine

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Glebe

Submission

Hi,

I oppose opening "Hawkins Rumker" in the Rylstone district for new coal exploration and mining on the following grounds:

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 urge the NSW government not to open the Rylstone district for coal exploration and mining.

Best regards,

Vsevolod Maskine

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 06/07/2021 10:53:55 AM
To: DPE Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Mailbox; [REDACTED]
Cc: DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 10:53

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Jennifer

Last name

Stephenson

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Blacktown 2148

Submission

It is apparent that global warming contributed to crisis weather events, including fires, in recent years so it just irresponsible to looking at mining more coal to contribute more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. To do so in an area with aboriginal heritage, water supply headwaters and natural wildlife communities is totally irresponsible. I would like my grandchildren to live in a world that retains our natural heritage, and that has not been destroyed by global warming.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 10:04:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 10:04

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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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

Lawson 2783

Submission

The Wollemi National Park is an important destination for bushwalkers from a wide area, including Greater Sydney. For the purposes of this submission, the Bylong Labyrinth is of particular interest, being close to the proposed development. There are several reasons to oppose this development.

1. The opening of new coal development projects must be seriously questioned from an environmental perspective at the present time. Surely the project lifetime must be doubtful given global concerns.
2. Experience with other coal development projects in the area (e.g. Gardens of Stone, Upper Hunter Valley) leads to horror at the degradation caused by the development. This is unacceptable in or near protected wilderness areas.
3. These developments have always restricted access to World Heritage sites, and guarantees to the contrary mean nothing.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 8:35:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 08:35

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Caitlin

Last name

Knight

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Tallwood, 2798

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I can't believe it's 2021 and I am writing to oppose further coal exploration of our beautiful Australian country. Besides the fact that we are so far behind the rest of the world in implementing sustainable energy solutions, local residents (of whom some are my own family and friends) do not need a coal mine in their backyard. It will disturb the peaceful atmosphere, impact surrounding farmland and the water table which feeds into Ganguddy-Dunn's Swamp, as witnessed by under-regulated companies the country over, which I'll hasten to add are foreign owned and give nothing back to the community besides a short lived pay check for the period of time the mine is in operation. If government wish to implement long term business strategies in the area perhaps they need to consider running a sustainable energy solution such as solar or use the CSIRO to create solutions over depleting and tainting our drinking water for short term gain. The Australian, and NSW government needs to begin to think long term about setting up Australian business and creating another mine in one of our most beautiful areas is not the way to go.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Knight

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/07/2021 8:09:31 AM
To: DPE Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Mail [REDACTED]
Cc: DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Tue, 06/07/2021 - 08:09

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Loretta

Last name

Bolotin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2070

Submission

A favourite area for bush walking exploration, an important recreational and natural area. Please do not destroy, please reconsider this proposal.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 6:51:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 18:51

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Doraine

Last name

Brown

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

LAWSON

Submission

Beautiful area to stay with my family.
Lets keep what we have as tomorrow is to late.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 6:48:48 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 18:48

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

Springwood

Submission

Bush walking is a stable income for the area eg when I stay and by food.
Not mining as once it has gone it will never be back.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 6:45:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 18:45

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

Name

First name
trevor

Last name
brown

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email
[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode
Lawson

Submission

I have run tours in the area. So keep what we have today.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 6:43:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 18:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Lloyd

Last name

BROWN

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Lawson

Submission

Keep what we have today as once we have lost thing buitfull the land will never be returned. I do visite the area.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 4:48:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 16:48

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Elizabeth

Last name

Surgeon

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Manly

Submission

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

I am writing to object most strongly to the proposed mining exploration for coal in the Hawkins and Rumker regions located near Rylstone and the Wollemi National Park.

I can not believe that, with all that is happening in the world in relation to climate change, the consumption of coal and its impact on the world environment, and the human condition, that anyone in their right mind would consider coal exploration in an untouched pristine environment such as this area.

PLEASE do not continue with this proposed exploration and destruction of such a beautiful area.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Surgeon

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 4:32:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 16:32

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Denny

Last name

Payne

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Narraweena

Submission

No coal exploration will be allowed on my property

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 3:29:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 15:29

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Louis

Last name

Pearse

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Bylong, 2849

Submission

Kepeco mine at Bylong has not been approved yet the community is still destroyed. No jobs yet the damage is done and lives are ruined.

Coal is driven by money and does not care about community. The exploration for more mining in the area is short sighted and is a lazy approach to generating revenue.

It will not create jobs once the mine is closed and the land will never recover.

The government's approach to coal is simply outdated, their desperation to cling onto coal is weak and pathetic.

Louis

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 2:48:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 14:48

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Kelvin

Last name

Knox

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2774

Submission

Attention: Director Energy and Resources Policy

I understand that the NSW Government is considering whether to release the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 kilometres east of Mudgee NSW, for coal exploration.

As part of this process, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has been asked to conduct a Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment (PRIA). The PRIA will involve an initial assessment of social, environmental and economic opportunities and constraints relating to the strategic release of these areas.

At present, the NSW Government is to be commended for taking a responsible approach to a low carbon future. For example, ruling out considering a significant proportion of the state's coal regions (albeit, 'coal regions' being an inappropriate descriptor for the environment!) for proactive release.

However, much more responsible action needs to be implemented by the NSW Government. The future of coal has already been decided: it doesn't have a future based on environmental and economic reasons; see for example:

[REDACTED]

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jul/01/deeply-irresponsible-federal-government-loan-for-new-queensland-coalmine-criticised-by-campaigners>

[REDACTED]

Most importantly, the world needs to phase out coal exploration and the coal industry immediately. Any expansion of the coal industry will contribute to an acceleration of the imminent catastrophic collapse of the world's biodiversity; see for example:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please turn the NSW Government's attention to policy settings, decisions and strategies that direct the NSW community's resources (e.g. the taxes we pay governments to responsibility administer) toward renewable energy for future human and environmental well-being!

Therefore, I call on the NSW Government to immediately cease any further permissions for coal exploration including the Hawkins and Rumker areas.

Sincerely

Dr Kelvin Knox

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 12:36:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 12:36

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Kerrie

Last name

Cooke

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Glen Davis 2846

Submission

I disagree that there is even a need to consider whether to release the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 km east of Mudgee NSW, for coal exploration. Considering man induced climate change is real and mining is a key driving factor it is a NO brainer that this exploration should even be a thought. This area contributes significantly in maintaining the wild flora and fauna biodiversity of this extraordinarily beautiful area. The ugliness of a mine whether that be above or below ground would be a total detraction to the tourist economy of the area, not to mention the many springs and aquifers that will be lost - water being the life line of civilisation. Mines like to claim that they are good for employment but the reality is that they don't employ many people locally, nor to the scale of the damage that is left by mines both during and after a mine ceases operating. The damage done to the environment and the damage done to those who value the environment should not be disregarded, these values come from a desire to enable a better future for the next generations. Let's change this greed based value system by saying NO to coal exploration and NO to anymore dirty coal extraction/ burning processes. Let's focus on renewables for our future.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 12:31:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 12:31

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
Bilpin 2758

Submission
This area should be protected as we have very little forested area left in NSW and coal should be scaling back for transition to a carbon neutral future not expanding... Thank you [REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement
Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 11:19:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 11:19

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Lisa

Last name

Waterton

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Rylstone

Submission

I am opposed to the exploration of coal in this area. I live in Rylstone NSW 2849. My family own a property bordering the Rumker area and I have many friends living within the Rumker and Hawkins areas.

I am shocked that the government would even consider opening up to exploration in these areas based on a number of factors:

1. There are still active coal mines in the area who are struggling to secure their future economic pathways due to a decreasing reliance/future reliance on coal across the world. My husband works at a local coal mine and we are fully aware of what economic climate the coal mines are trying to function in. Why continue to invest in new coal mines when the limited return will not outweigh the negative impact on the land and the community? This is all about the government attempting to create the illusion of securing jobs and continuing to rely on coal as their pathway forward rather than investing in other employment opportunities in our area which will create jobs for the long term.
2. Our area is increasingly building employment based on tourism. This area is renowned for its natural beauty and clean living and the government is risking our tourism industry. Our tourism industry has soared throughout Covid rather than declining like in many other areas of Australia. Why would the government be promoting increasing an industry which will have such a negative impact on another industry?
3. Many families who live within these zones are already considering whether they can see a future here based simply on your indications that you would like to explore. These families have suffered bushfires, drought and the impacts of Covid and now you are throwing this at them. Shame on you! They have questioned whether to invest in their homes, whether to move from the area and remove their children from the local schools, whether to attempt to seek employment elsewhere. In exploring these areas you will have a devastating impact on our community and few jobs will even go to people living on this land. This is a political decision based on trying to win over votes from families who have lost jobs in adjacent voting districts rather than based on what is good for this district.
4. The result of any new coal mines will be a loss of community. We only have to look at Bylong nearby as an example of the impact on the community. Families moved away, the school closed and the impact was a divide between who was in favour (those living in towns nearby who thought they might get work) and who was against (those who were directly impacted because they lived on the land). Nothing good has come of this and we have lost the Bylong community as it was, forever. Even the impact of the current coal mines on employment and investment in communities is based on how long the coal mine will be functioning for. We are hearing all the time that this is probably only short-lived, realistically maybe 20 years maximum. Why place extra pressure on our current mines by trying to explore for new ones and why impact our reliable employment industry of tourism for a short-term return AND MEANS TO GET THE GOVERNMENT VOTED BACK IN? Based on the current economic and climatic conditions (global warming), why does the government have such a short-term view? We need realistic, long-term solutions that support our community to live in harmony with our land.
4. We are extremely concerned about the impact of coal mines on the water table. There is a family who currently sells their spring water and is renowned for their clean pure water. Our family and many other families are fully aware of the actual lived experience of what coal mines in NSW have done to our water systems. Once our water systems are impacted, we can not go back in time and recover what will be lost. What right does the government have in threatening our health and the livelihoods of those whose businesses are based on the clean, healthy water systems of our area.
5. You are selling our land Australian-owned land off to foreign companies. Don't you think it is time Australia and NSW starts to think about what we will have left for our future generations?
6. You are seeking to explore in areas with huge numbers of native wildlife. Much of this land is still covered with natural vegetation and is adjacent to the Wollemi National Park where Koalas have been spotted in recent years after numbers had declined dramatically to the point that they were never spotted since before I was a child (40 years ago). How can the government justify seeking to explore in these areas based on the risk to the native wildlife?
7. Continuing along this path is risking tourism and condemnation from around the world. The government needs to listen to the change in conversation across Australia. My husband is a coal miner but we do not want a country that is investing so heavily in coal to the detriment of our land and our communities for our future. We can see how Australia and NSW will be viewed throughout the world, as one that is not progressive and thinking of the big picture. We are proud of our community's industrial heritage but we have enough wisdom to understand that there is a price of not listening to the science around water quality, pollution and climate change. Support our community to move forward into a better future rather than dragging us backwards for votes and short-term economic gain.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 10:02:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 10:02

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Hugh

Last name

Vaughan

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kenthurst 2156

Submission

I'll keep this as short as I can so as not to waste too much of your time or mine.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently became the latest of a vast consensus of national and international science and energy bodies to state that, in order to meet the objectives of the 2015 Paris accord, developed nations must not explore for or exploit ANY further fossil fuel reserves, nor build ANY new fossil fuel infrastructure.

Full stop. Period. This is a total "no-brainer".

That this exploration is even being put forward is perverse beyond words. The idea that you or I or anybody at all would waste any further time or resources in even considering it is beyond reason or comprehension.

Exploring for coal in Australia at this time is, by any measure, against the public interest. The notion cannot for a moment justify the effort, the expense, the very slightest disturbance to the local natural environment. The coal, if there is coal, cannot be dug up!

It is against the public interest. It is against the world's interest. It is against the interest of a continuance of our society, our civilisation. It is against the interest of every living thing on this planet. It is against the interest of life itself.

I urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to reject any proposal for coal exploration in the Hawkins and Rumker areas of NSW.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 9:29:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 09:29

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Anne

Last name

Graham

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kanimbla 2790

Submission

The Bylong Valley is incredibly beautiful, it is a place of heritage for our children and our First Nation people. It is appalling and astonishing to think of mining in this sacred place.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05/07/2021 1:43:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rurker

Submitted on Mon, 05/07/2021 - 01:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Chris

Last name

Brown

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Bellevue Hill 2023

Submission

This area is of great natural importance and should not be destroyed by prospecting for a resource that is no longer needed

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 10:01:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 22:01

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Andrea

Last name

Larkin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Darlinghurst NSW2010

Submission

Dear Assessors of the Department of Planning & Environment,

I recently spent an extended period of time adjacent to the Wollemi National Park exploring its beauty as a gift from previous generations specifically first nations peoples who cared for these unique parts of New South Wales.

The area proposed for development in the Hawkins and Rumker Regions are fertile agricultural lands adjacent to the unique landscapes of the Wollemi National Park. They must not be subjected to exploration by private, commercial interests but continue to remain part of an environment for the community to value, appreciate and enjoy as part of our natural heritage. Please protect the Hawkins and Rumker Regions from development and instead consider including it where possible in an extension of the Wollemi National Park.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 8:06:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 20:06

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

Leura 2780

Submission

I strongly oppose the proposed mining exploration for coal in the Hawkins and Rumker regions located near Rylstone and the Wollemi National Park.

It is hard to believe with all that is happening in the world in relation to climate change, that anyone would consider coal exploration in an untouched pristine environment such as this area.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 6:47:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 18:47

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Tracey

Last name

West

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2018

Submission

Coal mining in the pristine area is unacceptable and must not go ahead. Surely we are moving into a more renewable energy supply by now!!

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 6:44:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 18:44

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Jason

Last name

Watts

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2088

Submission

I am against this proposal.

It is tone deaf of politicians in 2021 to be considering new proposals to mine coal. Even more so when it involves pristine areas like the Bylong Valley, adjacent to a national park that is unique in its diversity of species. The courts have already found that current generations owe a duty to future generations to preserve our environment. It's time to move forward.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 6:03:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 18:03

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Sandra

Last name

Martin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Woonona

Submission

I am appalled that you would want to do mining exploration near or in a World Heritage-listed - Wollemi National Park, this pristine area once touched cannot be ever returned to it's natural state and should not be touched and left for the generations that follow to enjoy, surely we have a duty to ensure we use clean renewable energies.

It is hard to believe with all that is happening in the world in relation to climate change, the consumption of coal and it's impact on the world environment, and the human condition that anyone in their right mind would consider coal exploration in an untouched pristine environment such as this area.(Or anywhere!)

Sandra Martin

[REDACTED]

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 6:02:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 18:02

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

Newtown 2042

Submission

This area has unique environmental significance. Also immense recreational significance for bushwalkers. Other nearby areas are already being damaged by coal mining - not only at the visible site of mining operations, but far away owing to subsidence caused by invisible underground operations. The city of Lithgow and other areas are already moving away from economic dependence on coal by pursuing ecologically safe operations such as tourism, and should be supported and encouraged as they continue to do so.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 5:39:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 17:39

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Lindsay

Last name

Carroll

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Marrickville

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose this development proposal on the basis of it's clear detriment to the environmental area.

Please consider the damage this will cause to the ecosystem and the recreational activities so many people use the area for.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 5:22:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 17:22

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name
JOHN

Last name
DANIEL

I would like my submission to remain confidential
No

Info

Email
[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode
WOODFORD

Submission
The International Energy Agency's (IEA) Net Zero by 2050 energy sector roadmap says the world should add "no new oil and gas fields approved for development in our pathway, and no new coal mines or mine extensions are required".

The NSW Government must not release the Hawkins and Rumker areas for coal exploration.

I agree to the above statement
Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 5:04:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 17:04

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Martin

Last name

Reusch

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Woodford

Submission

It is a travesty to open up such a wonderful area for short term benefit in a world which does not need more coal but is moving away from it. Coal is NOT the future. It is the past.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 5:03:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 17:03

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Jan

Last name

Koperberg

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2777

Submission

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

I am against the proposed mining exploration for coal in the Hawkins and Rumker regions located near Rylstone and the Wollemi National Park. With all that is happening in the world in relation to climate change, the consumption of coal and it's impact on the world environment, and the human condition, I find it hard to believe that anyone in their right mind would consider coal exploration in an untouched pristine environment such as this area.
Thank you.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 5:00:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 17:00

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

Leura 2780

Submission

I object to a new coal exploration licence which might be granted in the Hawkins and Rumker areas east of Mudgee. In this era of global warming and the absolute necessity to reduce carbon dioxide, it makes no sense to look for more coal, and then either burn it in Australia or, just as bad, export to another country, when they will burn it.

Wake up Australia! Urge the Morrison Government to adopt an energy policy that phases out coal sooner than later, that is by 2040, not 2050.

By 2050 climate change will be so drastic that no government will be able to avoid positive steps in Carbon dioxide reduction

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 4:51:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 16:51

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Roger

Last name

Caffin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

berrilee 2159

Submission

Dear Sirs

This Hawkins Rumker proposal is a ridiculous ideal which should be rejected out of hand.

It would be seriously damaging to the famed Wollemi National Park, to the future CO2 levels on the planet, and would be of very questionable financial viability. It would also strain the water resources of the area and be generally damaging to the environment.

Given the way the whole planetary climate stability is being destroyed right now, this would be sheer vandalism.

Given the rate at which renewable energy is booming across the State, we simply do not need anymore coal.

Yours sincerely
Roger & Sue Caffin

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 3:49:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 15:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Yonne

Last name

Lolback

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2777

Submission

I have heard that the NSW Government is considering whether to release the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located about 30 km east of Mudgee NSW, for coal exploration. I want these lovely valleys to be there for future generations. These areas are too beautiful to be disturbed by any mining exploration including coal. Anyway coal is on its way out as renewables become the best way forward.

I cannot understand that, with climate change being our biggest threat, you would still consider this as an option.

Thank you,

Yonne Lolback

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 3:45:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 15:45

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Warwick

Last name

Chate

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

HOBARTVILLE

Submission

I'd like to register my disagreement with any future coal exploration in this area. It's such a beautiful place that used by so many people for recreational purposes and is world class beautiful area. I believe any activity such as coal exploration and mining that could have an impact on this area would be detrimental to so many other activities. Given the climate change is such an important issue to everybody I do not understand how new coal exploration can be acceptable?

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 3:40:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 15:40
Submitted by: Anonymous
Submitted values are:
Submission Type
I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

Name

First name
[REDACTED]
Last name
[REDACTED]

I would like my submission to remain confidential
Yes

Info

Email
[REDACTED]
Suburb/Town & Postcode
2070

Submission
The approval of this lease for coal mining would destroy the environment forever and should not go ahead. Especially as all economies are moving away from coal this would further entrench the Australian economy in a dying industry.
This mine should not be approved.

I agree to the above statement
Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04/07/2021 3:38:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sun, 04/07/2021 - 15:38

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name
Greg

Last name
Knight

I would like my submission to remain confidential
No

Info

Email
[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode
KAREELA

Submission
No new coal mines in NSW especially in or near a National Park.

I agree to the above statement
Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03/07/2021 6:26:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Sat, 03/07/2021 - 06:26

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Zoe

Last name

Ryan

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

2026

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I'm would like to have it submitted that I'm against the HAWKINS RUMKER, open cut coal mine.

I'm are not against coal mining, what I am against the number of coal mines that are operating well less than 100 %. If these mines were brought up to 100% there would be no need to open new mines.

Bearing the above in mind, you are totally opposed to the opening of the Hawkins Rumker mine in the Rylstone district and you will in no way support it.

Thank you

Zoe

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01/07/2021 12:38:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Thu, 01/07/2021 - 12:38

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Philippa

Last name

Gemmell-Smith

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Oberon

Submission

As a former owner of property in the Bylong Valley and a citizen deeply concerned about the increasing impact of climate change on us all, I urge the Department of Planning and Environment not to allow exploration for coal anywhere, and particularly not in Wollar (or Bylong) and Hawkins/Rumker areas.

It beggars belief that this should even be considered in 2021, given that most of the rest of the world recognises the urgency of becoming carbon neutral as soon as possible.

Equally it is astonishing that a Department which is responsible for the ENVIRONMENT should consider a project which would have a devastating effect on such a beautiful and agriculturally valuable places as the Bylong Valley, Cox's Creek Road and Nullo Mountain.

We have seen the environmental devastation on the Hunter Valley and the appalling air pollution that is damaging the health of many people in that area. Coal mines in Wollar/Hawkins/Rumker would have a devastating effect on the residents who have chosen to live in that district, largely to enjoy a healthy, beautiful and peaceful environment.

The Tablelands Way runs through both these proposed sites and is being developed as a tourist route through beautiful country. The dust, traffic and ugliness associated with coal mines would be counter-productive for businesses in the wider area.

This proposal shows a reckless disregard for the world problem of climate change, for the health and well-being of local people, for businesses, land values, and for the environment. Please do not open the possibility to such an irresponsible project.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01/07/2021 12:07:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Thu, 01/07/2021 - 12:07

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Yuri

Last name

Bolotin

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Bilpin

Submission

I am a bushwalker and author and have an extensive knowledge of the area of the Bylong Valley where the coal exploration activities are being planned and the Wollemi National Park immediately adjacent to that area.

Bylong Valley is a valuable agricultural land next to the unique and extremely scenic Wollemi National Park. Both are important and unique parts of our natural heritage. No coal exploration activities must be allowed in this area. It is hard to believe that in 2021, with the challenges we face with the climate change, such undertaking as coal mining could be even considered by the NSW Government.

Please say no to any coal exploration in that area.

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30/06/2021 9:30:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Wed, 30/06/2021 - 21:30

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Peter

Last name

Fox

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

BLAXLAND 2774

Submission

I am opposed to the release of coal exploration licences and any subsequent mining in Hawkins Rumker on the following grounds

- thermal coal mining is no longer a best practice for energy generation and I believe the focus should now move to investment in renewable sources

- as a regular visitor to the region with family making a living in the area I believe that any exploration and subsequent mining would have significant negative impact on the inherent values represented by agriculture, native ecological systems with areas of native vegetation with strong conservation value and a local community with its economic reliance on natural space tourism

- the area has significant Aboriginal heritage value which will be irrevocably lost by exploration and mining

Please convey my strong objection to decision making bodies to any consideration of these areas for coal exploration and/or mining

I agree to the above statement

Yes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30/06/2021 8:22:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Webform submission from: Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment Hawkins Rumker

Submitted on Wed, 30/06/2021 - 20:22

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Name

First name

Kevin

Last name

Fox

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

[REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Nullo Mountain 2849

Submission

I ask you note my STRONG OBJECTION objection to the release of exploration licenses in Hawkins Rumker areas

As a local resident I have the following "on ground" information that informs my opinion

Social/Economic

whilst employed as an advocate for tenants in the central west i observed in some depth the distortion to the rental market in the Mudgee region as a result of coal developments in that area in the mid 2000's - even social housing was affected as that stock was withdrawn to supply more lucrative demand from mine workers

Environmental

our property is heavily reliant on a spring in the perched sedgeland in the upper Cox's Creek catchment - our property was severely impacted by December 2019 bushfires and we managed to save the house from water stored on the property - if our subsoil water resource is negatively impacted by mining activity e.g. subsidence, our property would no longer be viable residentially or agriculturally

Aboriginal Heritage

our property contains undocumented Aboriginal heritage sites that will not be considered in any issues identification process simply because they are currently undocumented - likely there are many such sites and other environmental features that fall into this category - undocumented does not mean non-existent

I agree to the above statement

Yes