

Ms Kristina Keneally, MP
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Dear Ms Keneally

Kores Australia is proposing to construct a longwall coal mine beneath the water catchment valleys of Wyong. These valleys (Dooralong and Yarramalong) account for 50% of the water catchment for the entire Central Coast of NSW.

Those of us living on the Central Coast are strongly opposed to this proposal, because:

- It has the potential to destroy the catchment river systems and the underground aquifers. The river systems are two-thirds fed by these aquifers and to compromise their integrity is unacceptable.
- Disrupt the ecological balance of bird, animal, aquatic and plant life, and endanger the estuarine habitat of 11 endangered international migratory birds that are protected by treaty with China and Japan.
- Create unacceptable levels of noise from rail trucks operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The proposed mine head and coal stockpile is right beside a densely populated area and the largest urban growth area on the Central Coast and will impinge on the planned new Warnervale City area and the Wyong Employment Zone.
- Affect health and lifestyle of over 160,000 people from airborne dust particulates. The Central Coast already has the highest respiratory disease problem than anywhere in Australia - this will only exacerbate the problem. Coal dust can cause wheeze, worsening of asthma, increased need for medications and increased breathlessness

Longwall coal mining is not appropriate for the rapidly growing community of the Central Coast. I ask the State Government to heed the wishes of this community, to provide strong environmental leadership and STOP THE MINE.

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cc. Premier Mr Nathan Rees; Mr John Della Bosca, Minister for the Central Coast.