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To whom it may concern:

I wish to comment on the system for deciding which land in NSW should not be used for mining:

- the proposed criteria are extremely limited and do not take account of land that may not meet the criteria but which is being used for successful food production

- the criteria do not take into account non-economic values of the land. I have a rare natural wetland, plus a casuarina forest (habitat for endangered glossy black cockatoos), both of which I have spent money to maintain and protect. These would be devastated by mining on my land.

- farmland and ecologically valuable land should be protected from mining using the same approach as that applied to forestry and fisheries.

- no consideration has been given to protection of water. High catchment areas such as the Dorrigo Plateau - in its entirety - should be no-go zones for mining. Why is the horse-racing industry more important than the water supplies of agricultural land and regional towns?

I am very concerned that, despite the rhetoric, mining is being given priority over all other considerations. This is not acceptable.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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