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Dear Sir

I am pleased to see that the Government has announced an amendment to the planning policy for mining in NSW, and urge you to confirm the draft changes as soon as possible, especially insofar as they will impact on coal mining.

When the Planning and Assessment Commission ignores social and environmental considerations, then the economic issues will automatically seem very convincing, especially considering the over-enthusiastic claims that miners frequently make about jobs and future demand for their product.

Needless to say, miners rarely mention any adverse effects of mining in their submissions.

The facts appear to show that demand for coal is reducing, and price is certainly declining. Even though these conditions may not continue indefinitely, there is overwhelming scientific evidence that producing ever more coal is detrimental to the health of the planet.

There is also no doubt that ever increasing open-cut coal mining destroys otherwise good farming land and water resources. The land thus affected may take centuries to recover, if at all, and there is little history of mining companies rehabilitating their sites after mining finishes.

If we allow miners to recklessly trash our best land for the sake of coal, we will ultimately have no worthwhile environment left, and then there will be no worthwhile economy left either.

Yours sincerely



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