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I object to the Plan. It fails to address the issues of coal mining and coal mining expansion during a time when the industry is in structural decline. The plan also fails to address the immediate and future threats to our region by climate change induced extreme weather events.

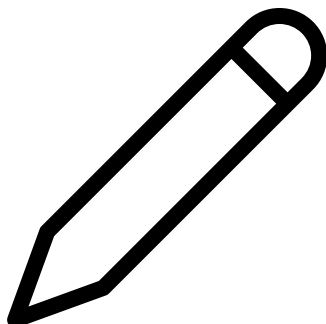
Climate change is already changing our weather and all our lives. 100-year storms are now occurring every few years. We want the Government to plan for sea-level rise, storm surges, changed rainfall patterns and provide for distributed energy, water and food systems so that our cities, suburbs and the bush are resilient to dramatic change. The Pasha Bulka storm and the April 2015 storm are the new normal. The plan needs to prepare our region to adapt and be resilient to such conditions. It is not enough to just survive. We need to thrive.

The coal industry is in structural decline. The Hunter needs and wants a moratorium on all new coalmines and a plan for a just transition for the Hunter Valley so that we can rehabilitate the damage the mines have done, and provide for sustainable jobs and diverse industries.

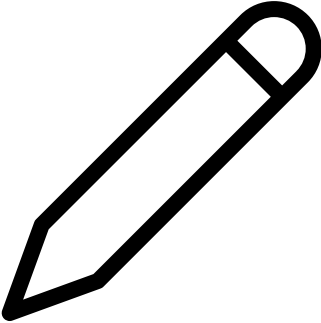
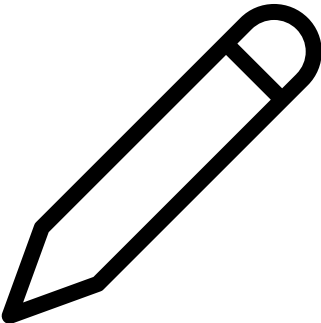
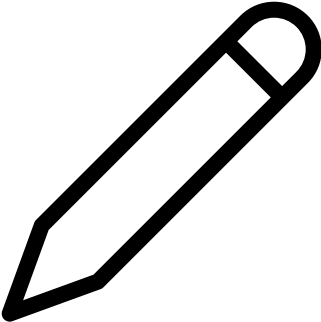
The Valley needs permanent and absolute protection for the wine industry, thoroughbred industry, water resources, good farmland and villages from the impacts of coalmines.

The Government must scrap plans for a fourth coal terminal in Newcastle and protect the world-renowned wetlands of Ash Island by adding them to the Hunter Wetlands National Park. A fourth coal terminal is not wanted or needed by the Hunter.

It's time to get real about coal and climate change in the Hunter. The plan needs to help us make a quick and just transition in response the global decline of coal and the reality of climate change.



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