

Draft North Coast Regional Plan – Valla Area

My name is Paul Spooner and have lived for 27 years in rural Valla in the Nambucca Shire, an area which is renowned for its natural beauty. I am retired and live on a rural residential block of 1.44 hectares which I use for growing citrus, tropical fruits and vegetables. It lies within the boundaries of Exploration Licence EL-6702 to which I strongly object.

It is ludicrous to think that a mining company from outside the area would seek to destroy an idyllic rural lifestyle, which is the reason people choose to live here, when they have no concept of the damage it would cause. Mining would destroy the lifestyle of hundreds of residents, plus it would jeopardise the coastal and hinterland tourist industry and the numerous farming and horticultural enterprises in the area.

This is one of the most beautiful areas on the eastern coast and should be preserved as far as possible so future generations can enjoy its many environmental attributes. May common sense prevail.