

Submission to IEPMC (personal details redacted)

Dear Sir

- I write to express my concern about further mining damaging the Sydney's Water Catchment Area.
- The water catchment area should not be put at risk of permanent damage, no matter how small it is conceived to be, to generate and sustain a few transient jobs that yield immaterial economic benefit and that generate profits for a small select group at the expense of the wider community.
- The water catchment area contains fragile and unique habitat and associated life forms that have a high intrinsic value and which should be preserved.
- NSW's Chief Scientist has said that our catchment is the only publicly owned drinking water catchment in the world where coal mining is allowed and this practice should cease forthwith.
- The Special Areas of the water catchment should be protected from coal mining for future generations.
- The risks to the Sydney Water Catchment, as outlined in the Independent Expert Panel for Mining in the Catchment, are unacceptable to me and are against the tide of increasing public opinion.

Sincerely

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