

Submission to IEPMC (personal details redacted)

Dear independent expert panel,

The Sydney catchment is the only publicly owned catchment in the world where coal mining activities are allowed. Why is our city the only one in the world that allows this? Is mining for coal, a material whose export value is declining, worth the risk to such a scarce and precious resource, especially in our drought afflicted country? It is not. Regardless of the current or future value of coal, it is incredible that in this country its largest city's water supply is considered to be worth the risk. Stop all coal mining in the catchment area.

Regards
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