Petition Regarding Mining Impacts in the Southern Coalfield

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of NSW in Parliament assembled.

The petition of citizens of NSW brings to the attention of the House the need for conditions to be placed on mining operations to avoid damage to the natural and built environment in the Southern Coalfield, NSW.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly:-

1. To mandate a safety zone of 1 k around major river systems, to include their tributary creeks and streams and their feeder swamps, to prevent permanent damage caused by longwall mining.
2. To ensure that Panels of Experts advising the government on mine plans be balanced by the appointment of experts with no professional associations with the mining industry.
3. To ensure that heritage listed buildings, the Dharawal State Conservation Area, and the Special Areas of Sydney's drinking water catchment not be undermined.
4. To ensure that the width of longwall panels under built-up areas and villages be no more than 100m.
5. To ensure that Stage 4 of the West Cliff emplacement area not be approved
6. To repeal Part 3A of the EP&A Act (1979) and reinstate rights of appeal and community consultation

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