

Central Coast Poultry Club Inc



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Planning Assessment Commission
Attention: Megan Webb

Re: Wallarah 2 Coal Project

Our Club wishes to take this final opportunity to submit this submission before your decision on the future of this project. We must state our interest in this project as our future is closely tied to a positive outcome.

Our Club, consisting of 130 members, have submitted several other submissions and a petition signed by 500 people in favour of the mine proceeding. Without a positive outcome our contributions to the community of the Central Coast will be lost after 112 years serving the community of the Central Coast.

Our Club has observed the assessment process over the last 5 years and has read the PACs reports and their assessments. We are concerned that their assessments lack acknowledgement of a part of this project on the community of the Central Coast being financial and non financial benefits which flow from Wallarah 2 Coal support to the Central Coast community. The assessments indicated that the true value of this project is hard to quantify and Wallarah 2 was asked to provide further information around this area.

I understand that community support is hard to assess but it does need to be acknowledged as a definite positive to this project. I know Wallarah 2 has supported over 40 local community organisations and provided employment training opportunities for apprenticeships and indigenous locals.

We cannot provide what the other community organisations have provided as a result of Wallarah 2 support, but in our case it is financial benefit of an estimated \$500,000 a year and a non financial benefit of education support of 2,500 high school children a year involved in Agricultural Studies across 15 high schools. Then you would ask ..what is the value of work lifetime of a person who Wallarah 2 supported to achieve their training. The opponents of this project will site this as a cynical attempt to buy support but the project cites continuing support of the community of the Central Coast after the approval of the project.

Your considerations to these positive aspects of Wallarah 2 Project in your final assessment will be appreciated.

Kind Regards



David Gaggin Public Officer