Peter Andrews of Tarwyn Park, Bylong is a mastermind in ecology. But instead of rewarding him for his ecological achievements, our government rewards him with a:" thanks very much, we'll take that for a lump of coal" attitude.

How much more prime farming land can we afford to lose to mining? We have a property in the Bylong Valley near Tarwyn Park and have our backs against the wall in a fight that is only beginning against Kepco and Cockatoo Coal .

This is pristine, A-Grade beef cattle farmland with a record of producing top-quality beef. It has its own water rich aquifers which have provideed the valley with a constant source of water for 100's of years and the view through the valley is breathtaking - Brigadoon-esque, rich in convict history and 150year convict built sandstone homesteads and churchs.

My three young boys won't be old enough to remember the great experiences they had on a farm in Bylong when it becomes a coal mine. They will be old enough in the future to blame our generation for it's stupid, selfish attitude to our source of life, our land; air; water. We are Australian people who want to make a stand for what is ours.

Once the coal is gone, what will be left?
Please - it is time to re-write legislation and use common sense. Section 3A of the Planning Act is the most absurd, harmful piece of legislation I have ever read. And we are at it' s mercy.

Yours sincerely
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