PETITION TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER CATCHMENTS FROM MINING

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled.

The petition of concerned citizens of NSW.

Brings to the attention of the House that coal mining is causing damage to Sydney's water catchment areas in the form of rock-cracks, and streams above the mines have run dry.

The undersigned petitioners therefore request the Legislative Assembly to:
a) Ensure that drinking water catchments are not subject to surface cracking;
b) Establish underground mining prohibition areas of one kilometre around streams, upland swamps and water supply structures, as well as other areas of high conservation;
c) Ensure effective pollution licensing for underground mines so that companies are heavily prosecuted for damage to streams and water catchments, particularly for causing surface cracking; and
d) Develop a Protection of the Environment Policy that makes drinking water catchment preservation the primary consideration for mining operations in these areas.

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