

## Submission to IEPMC (personal details redacted)

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Dear Panel,

I understand submissions are due today in respect of the report provided by the IEPMC dated 12 November 2018.

My short submission is to indicate that I view the protection of our water catchment area to be something that needs to be prioritised strongly over the potential coal mining of areas within the catchment.

While not across all of the technical matters arising from all reports, it appears to me that we should be adopting best practice in respect of the protection of the waterways. That may involve erring on the side of caution in stopping mining taking place if there are any meaningful risks to the water catchment which cannot be appropriately and fully mitigated.

We also need to be aware of what the policies are of other governments in respect of their public catchment areas. In the event other regions do not allow any coal mining in their public catchment areas, I would have to question why NSW would take a step to allow this.

Yours Sincerely,  
Martin Rowney