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### **Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment: Hawkins Rumker new coal exploration areas**

The Rylstone Region Coal Free Community (RRCFC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment (PRIA) for potential coal exploration releases in the Hawkins and Rumker areas, located near Rylstone, NSW.

The RRCFC has prepared submissions on each the following topics:

#	Document	Topic addressed
1	RRCFC submission on the Hawkins Rumker Project REF failures	Flawed Hawkins Rumker project Review of Environmental Factors renders PRIA invalid
2	RRCFC submission surface water FINAL	Surface water impacts of mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
3	RRCFC submission aquatic ecology	Aquatic ecology impacts of mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
4	RRCFC submission terrestrial ecology	Terrestrial ecology impacts of mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
5	Aboriginal heritage	Aboriginal heritage impacts of mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
6	RRCFC submission land use capability and conflicts	Land use capability and conflicts that would arise from mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
7	RRCFC submission infrastructure FINAL	The transportation, water and local services of the Rylstone and Kandos region and the potential impacts of the development of the Hawkins and Rumker areas
8	RRCFC submission health & social impacts	The physical and mental health impacts that would arise due to mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
9	RRCFC submission noise	The noise impacts that would arise due to mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
10	RRCFC submission GBMWA Impacts FINAL	Impacts on Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and the impact a coal mine would have on the Wollemi National Park.
11	RRCFC submission GGE & Intergenerational Equity	Considers the greenhouse emissions that would be generated by exploitation of the coal resources understood to be present in the Hawkins and Rumker coal exploration release areas and the impacts thereof.
12	12. RRCFC submission tourism values FINAL	Tourism values and the impact a coal mine would have on Rylstone, Kandos and Mudgee.
13	RRCFC submission Euro Heritage Final	European heritage values and potential impacts of mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
14	RRCFC submission Groundwater FINAL	Groundwater impacts of mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas
15	RRCFC submission strategic and legislative framework FINAL	How the proposed mining and coal exploration is not consistent with local and state government strategic and legal framework.
16	RRCFC submission our community our future FINAL	We will stand as a community and fight to protect the land, heritage, culture & community for present and future generations.
17	RRCFC submission Economic Impacts FINAL	The economic impacts of coal exploration and mining in the Hawkins and Rumker areas



The RRCFC has prepared each of these submissions and provided them to the DPIE in the expectation that all relevant matters raised in each of these will be given full consideration in the PRIA process and in the Advisory Board's deliberations on this matter.

**It is the RRCFC's strongly held view that the PRIA should find that the proposed exploration areas should not be opened for exploration under the Strategic Framework that it recommends against release of the proposed areas, and the Advisory Board should rule that coal exploration should not proceed in the Hawkins and Rumker areas.**

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of the **Rylstone Region Coal Free Community**



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Enclosures: *Limitations of the Hawkins Rumker Project REF*