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Director, Strategic Assessments,  
Department of Planning  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re State Significant Site and Concept Plan Proposal MP 10 0088 Nords Wharf  
Re State Significant Site and Concept Plan Proposal MP 10 0084 Gwandalan  
Re State Significant Site and Concept Plan Proposal MP 10 0089 Middle Camp

*In response to Coal and Allied Southern Estates Proposal 17<sup>th</sup> November to  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2010*

*We are writing to comment on the above proposal and totally oppose its  
intention to develop the proposed lands, the majority of which is already  
zoned environmental protection, if approved by the State and Federal  
Government. We do however applaud the intention to hand over the land for  
conservation in perpetuity. We are gravely concerned by species and  
biodiversity loss and further fragmentation for the Wallarah Peninsula. Coal  
and Allied are not acting in the best interests of conservation due to the*

*losses and increased human impact that would occur if this proposal were to be approved.*

*Our family reside in Nords Wharf and we are quite familiar with the true Biodiversity contained within the Wallarah Peninsula that needs to be seen as a whole, including the development threats of Murray and Pinny beach developments to the north and the proposal from Rose Property Group Ltd. Gwandalan and Catherine Hill Bay.*

*We trust these developments are also taken into consideration.*

*The extremely high conservation value of the Wallarah Peninsula has been established, by field studies both by the applicant and the NSW DECC. The trade off for development rights and handover of conservation lands by the state government is too higher price to pay for what habitat would be lost, it is not going to enhance and conserve the biodiversity of the Wallarah Peninsula but deplete and put it under threat of significant impact through removal and fragmentation of vital habitat and the increased human impact and increased risk of fire. The area contains vulnerable and threatened species protected both under the NSW and Commonwealth legislation that together form part of the unique biodiversity. A friend, who was an environmental scientist that worked on the Wallarah Peninsula, said to me concerning these developments "yea its called death by a thousand cuts" These few words encapsulated what has been happening for the Wallarah Peninsula and yet again by these proposals.*

*We would like to request that the State Government sources its own information and to make its own independent assessment of the losses that*

would occur with this proposal. The last report from the Independent hearing and assessment panel, raised concerns of deficiencies and discrepancies in the EA that need to be fully investigated.

**Our nation is facing a rate of species extinction never know before.**

*It is largely contributed to human impact and developments such as this. This referral will not maintain or improve the current habitat but reduce it and introduce a higher risk of human impact on the Wallarah Peninsula this outcome is not appropriate for the environment. The loss of habitat most of which is old growth and pressure would adversely impact pollination, foraging and roosting sites around EECs, which are the living force of these communities. Coal and allied propose to adversely impact on 3 of them by development how is this defensible. It would introduce competition for fauna species and would have a significant impact on flora and fauna contained in them both protected under the NSW and Commonwealth Acts. We believe that species protected under both Acts form part of and rely on each other to coexist in this unique eco system and need to be addressed together.*

*In the Last couple of years [REDACTED] found 2 dead Powerful Owl's in the Nords Wharf area. That was 2 in a 5mth period and helps demonstrate the increasing pressure that exists for the Wallarah Peninsular and raises the question of what protection is offered for threatened species. Issues relating to human impact on the Wallarah Peninsula are in my submission to the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel NSW Gov please take some time to flick through the presentation to get a visual of what we see is happening to our beautiful and unique area.*

*As well as the above issues we Request that Coal and Allied address and demonstrate that the following impacts and concerns we have for the Wallarah Peninsula relating to the proposed development will not have a significant impact in perpetuity for the species that it contains that are protected under the NSW State Legislation and the EPBC act.*

- The loss of old growth forested areas and foraging opportunities and the effects on species protected under the State Legislation and the EPBC act.*
- The fact that when the 3 proposals are combined there will be severe environmental impacts from development on 3 established EEC's Gwandalan, Nords Wharf and Middle Camp. What will be the life expectancy of these critical habitats of Biodiversity? Where else are they represented?*
- The loss and impact on EECs that have a direct link to species protected under both acts! Any loss or threat of loss of a habitat should only be used once within the Wallarah Peninsular as "offset" lands.*
- Impacts of species that are forced out of these developments and forced to compete in remaining habitats.*
- The social loss of an area that is a place for people to come and regenerate the spirit. There is little development and people can walk and relax and spend time in some really unique habitats and coastline. We would loose this with the impending proposals and once it is lost it is lost forever, it needs to be protected.*

- *Placing developments in a high fire risk area. Address recent habitat loss and impacts from the fire in Moonee Valley Lake Munmorah National parks area approx February 2009.*
- *All the concerns and impacts that have been raised by the public and stakeholders regarding this development that were submitted previously to the State Government on an Environmental, Social and Economic level.*
- *Human impact and Fragmentation of the Wallarah Peninsular habitats inclusive of Murray and Pinny beach, Rose property group Ltd and current developments in the area.*
- *Impacts of the marine flora and fauna species found in Crangan Bay, Catherine Hill Bay beach, Moonee and Ghosties Beach Nords Wharf and the associated wetlands.*
- *Addressing the current state of lands in regards to rubbish, erosion and weed infestation should be the responsibility of the current land owners*
- *The traditional owners are fully involved in this proposal.*

*Thankyou for your time and consideration on this matter  
Please feel free to contact us for any further clarification on issues.*

*With kind regards*

