

Help Save the Climate

Help Stop Anvil Hill Mine

Write a Letter!



Anvil Hill is situated at Wybong, west of Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter. It is the largest intact stand of remnant vegetation on the Central Hunter Valley floor. Anvil Hill is:

- home to at least 178 animal species, including 4 threatened bats, the squirrel glider, the koala, 14 threatened bird species and many more protected under international covenant.
- home to at least 420 species of native flora, many of which are threatened and 3 endemic to the area
- home to at least one newly discovered species of orchid, found only in the Anvil Hill area
- home to at least 22 vegetation communities including Endangered Ecological Communities.
- a major catchment of Wybong Creek, which flows into the Goulburn and Hunter Rivers
- rich in Aboriginal heritage.

All this stands to be destroyed by a massive open-cut coal mine proposed by Australian company Centennial Coal.

Coal Exports and Climate Chaos

Centennial Coal has explicitly linked this mine to the new export coal loader planned for Newcastle Harbour, which they have a stake in. Newcastle is already the largest coal port in the world, shipping out 80 million tonnes in a year. The proposed Anvil Hill mine is part of a massive expansion of the Hunter coal industry, which would see our exports increase by 65% in the next 5 years. Such an expansion would make it virtually impossible for the world to avoid runaway climate change, the greatest threat faced by human and non-human life.

You can help prevent Anvil Hill from becoming an open-cut coal mine by writing a letter using the guide overleaf. Feel free to add whatever else you want to say. Leave the letter with us, and we'll copy it and post it for you!

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YOUR NAME
YOUR ADDRESS
TODAY'S DATE

CC: Frank Sartor, Minister for Planning
Chris Hartcher, Shadow Minister for Planning
Local State Member of Parliament

Dear Mr Iemma,

The Anvil Hill mine must not go ahead. This mine:

- would destroy 1200 hectares of threatened Central Hunter Valley floor bushland, home to hundreds of species, many of them threatened with extinction.
- would have unacceptable impacts on the hydrology of the Wybong Creek.
- would destroy an area rich in Aboriginal Heritage.
- is part of the massive expansion of Hunter coal exports. With the world currently facing a climate change crisis, it is criminal to allow the development of massive new coal mines like Anvil Hill, and associated developments like the planned new coal loader at Newcastle. The Hunter coal industry needs to be rapidly phased out, not rapidly expanded.

Sincerely,
