

STOP KOREAN COAL MINING

*An Unincorporated Group Of Residents Of Wyong Shire
Dedicated To Preventing Mining In Our Community*

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Establishment

- (1) The organisation is STOP KOREAN COAL MINING, known also as SKCM.
- (2) The organisation is an unincorporated association.

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Objects

- (1) The objects of the association are:
 - (a) to keep informed on any activities, government or otherwise, that relate to coal or other mining, that have the potential to adversely affect the suburban communities of Wyong Shire;
 - (b) to pass on such information accurately to the communities in the suburbs of Wyong Shire by means of public meetings; by providing speakers at meetings of other community organisations such as neighbourhood forums, progress associations and the like; distributing literature via letterbox drops; door knocking; establishing and maintaining a website; conducting interviews with media and any other socially acceptable method;
 - (c) to lobby government agencies against mining or other dirty industry threats to our suburban community's well-being;
 - (d) to protest publicly about potential or real threats to Wyong Shire suburban families from mining or other dirty industry, whether they be caused by corporations, government agencies or others;
 - (e) to build our association's support base to the extent that the Wyong Shire suburban communities cannot be ignored by any corporation or government agency;
 - (f) to be vigilant in fostering improvement in our environment; for cleaner air, preservation of drinking water sources, preservation of our natural bush landscape and particularly its threatened species both flora and fauna, preservation and improvement of our lakes and creeks in water quality and in protection against increased silt and foreign bodies entering our estuary system as the result of storm activity from dirty industry dams and the like, prevention of lowering of real estate values in our suburban communities;
 - (g) to in all our endeavours put the interests of our suburban communities first, and at all times to comport ourselves

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in an orderly manner when representing the families in our communities.

3 Powers, Funds and Property of the Association.
1.3 Powers

- (1) *In the furtherance of these objects, the association shall have the power:*
- (a) *to by lawful means subscribe to, become a member of, and co-operate with any other association or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the association;*
 - (b) *to disburse the funds acquired by or on behalf of the association, wherever held, provided that such funds shall be used only in accordance with this constitution, including the objects of the association;*
 - (c) *to invest and deal with the funds and property of the association not immediately required in such manner as may be determined by the association;*
 - (d) *to sell or otherwise dispose of any part of the property of the association;*
 - (e) *to accept any gift of funds or property whether subject to any special trust or not;*
 - (f) *to seek annual contributions from members, government agencies, local businesses and others;*
 - (g) *to take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed by the association to be expedient, and as are lawful for the purpose of procuring donations to the association;*
 - (h) *to print and publish any web-based or hard copy articles or newsletters; or to produce any leaflets that the association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects;*
 - (i) *to appoint not less than two members of the executive committee to be responsible for any funds, property or rights on trust for the members;*
 - (j) *to incorporate the association when the association deems it prudent; and*
 - (k) *to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the association.*

2.3 Funds and Property

- (1) *The funds and property of the association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the association*

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and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or other means by way of profit, to the members.

- (2) No remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the association to any member except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses or otherwise in accordance with this constitution.
- (3) Nothing however shall prevent the payment in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the association for any services actually rendered by that person to the association.
- (4) True and fair accounts shall be kept of the funds received and expended by the association, and the manner in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place, and of the property, other assets and liabilities of the association.
- (5) Once at least in every financial year the accounts of the association shall be examined and the correctness of the financial statements set out in the accounts ascertained and certified by a person appointed to be the auditor.
- (6) The accounts of the Association shall be open for the inspection by the members.
- (7) The financial year of the association shall be from the first of July of a given year until the thirtieth of June of the following year.
- (8) The association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon, provided a quorum is present, at a general meeting of the association of which not less than fourteen days' notice (including notice of the proposed dissolution) has been given or by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members responding in a postal ballot, providing the number of postal votes represents a quorum.
- (9) If upon the dissolution of the association there remains after satisfaction of all its liabilities any funds or property whatsoever it shall be donated to the Wyong District Hospital.

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Membership

- (1) Membership of the association shall be in three types:
 - (a) ordinary members;
 - (b) senior members;
 - (c) supporting members;
 - (d) corporate members; and
 - (e) organisation members.
- (2) Ordinary members shall be liable to pay an annual subscription of not less than twenty dollars, reduced to ten dollars if the member joins after the first of January for that year. Ordinary members shall be entitled to one vote.

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- (3) Senior members shall be any person who qualifies for a NSW Seniors Card and shall be liable to pay an annual subscription of ten dollars, reduced to five dollars if the member joins after the first of January for that year. Senior members shall be entitled to one vote.
- (4) Supporting members shall be liable to pay an annual subscription of five dollars and shall not be entitled to vote.
- (5) Corporate members shall be liable to pay an annual subscription of one hundred dollars, shall be entitled to insert a logo on the association's website and shall have priority to advertise on the association's publications.
- (6) Organisation members shall be like-minded organisations, shall not be liable for subscriptions but shall provide a nominee who shall be a contributing member. Organisation members shall not be entitled to vote.

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Governance

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Steering Committee

- (1) A steering committee shall be established containing not less than eight ordinary and/or senior members and not more than fourteen ordinary and/or senior members. A quorum shall be four members.
- (2) The steering committee shall be responsible for implementing the resolutions made at general meetings and otherwise deciding on and organising all the association's activities.
- (3) The steering committee shall elect from time to time a chairperson, a deputy chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer. In addition to these officers the steering committee shall from time to time appoint working parties, delegates, sub-committees, spokespersons and the like.
- (4) All motions shall be decided by a simple majority.
- (5) The steering committee shall meet at least monthly.

2.5

Executive Committee

- (1) The executive committee shall consist of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson, the secretary and the treasurer.
- (2) The executive committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the association and implementation of the activities decided on by the steering committee.
- (3) All motions shall be decided by a simple majority.

3.5

General Meetings

- (1) General meetings shall be held at least every quarter.
- (2) Notice of general meetings shall be minimum fourteen days.
- (3) General meetings shall combine the functions of dissemination of information and resolution of notices of motion and motions from the floor. A resolution of a general

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meeting shall override any decision of the steering committee or the executive committee.

- (4) General meetings may be convened by the steering committee or by a petition of not less than twenty members who may be ordinary or senior members.
- (5) A quorum for a general meeting is one quarter of the total number of financial ordinary or senior members at the time of the meeting.
- (6) Motions on constitutional matters or on the dissolution of the association shall be decided by a two-thirds majority. All other motions shall be decided by a simple majority.

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST*:

(in no particular order)

1. Anita Gehrhardt – Back Up & Support
2. Donna Peck - Back Up & Support
3. Eric Peck
4. Doug Eaton
5. Gordon Silk
6. Pat Silk
7. Greg Best – Publicity/Media
8. John Lewer – John Lewer
9. Ken Scales – Deputy Chairperson/Coal Issues Researcher
10. Kyle McDonald - Secretary
11. Leigh Sarkis - Production
12. Lorraine-Lee Tyerman – Liaison with other organisations
13. Marge Matthews
14. Joe Matthews
15. Mathew Grace – IT Production
16. Noel Powell - Back Up & Support
17. Sharon Salmi – Flora & Fauna Researcher
18. Arna Sarkis - Treasurer
19. Vítia Lewer
20. Ernie Davis - Back Up & Support

***This list has been refined to those with roles & responsibilities within the committee and those who attend the committee meetings on a regular basis.**