

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales Parliament,

This Petition of certain citizens of NSW requests the Legislative Council:

Ban all Gold Mining and other Toxic Mineral Mining in all water catchments of the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast of NSW.

We draw the attention of the Legislative Council to the following concerns:

- The negative impact of mining for minerals in high rainfall water catchments including economic loss due to contamination and clean up, and potentially irreversible environmental degradation and pollution of waterways
- The issue of mine tailings contaminating catchments in extreme rainfall events, posing significant and unacceptable threats to agriculture, fisheries, tourism, human health and biodiversity
- The inability to prevent toxic runoff entering into waterways, as evidenced during past and current mining activities in this region
- The potential for the social fabric of our community to be negatively affected by the influx of a 'fiffo' workforce as has occurred in other mining regions of Australia and for the region's infrastructure to be overburdened

The undersigned petitioners request the Legislative Council to protect the environment and the communities of the Dorrigo Plateau and adjacent water catchment regions from the destructive effects of mining activities by stopping all existing, pending and future mining licenses in the invaluable water catchments of the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast, which includes World Heritage Areas, State Forests and Reserves.

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