

Future concerns for Bylong

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Residents of the Bylong Valley, near Mudgee, are up in arms the pristine area could become a giant coal mine.

They say the community has been kept in the dark about the plans, they're calling on the state government to make the process transparent.

Earlier this year, Anglo American Coal announced the sale of its proposed Bylong mine to Kepco of Korea for \$403m.

“There's been no community consultation, it makes it, they make it very difficult to find out certain information, if we didn't make inroads ourselves the process wouldn't happen, it needs to be cleaned up,” said Jodie Nancarrow from the Bylong Valley Protection Alliance.

The Bylong Valley Protection Alliance has already spoken to former anti-corruption MP John Hatton who's standing for the upper house at next year's state election.

He claims the state government's processes when it comes to mining are corrupt. He's showing small communities how their voices can be heard.

Also under threat is 'Tarwyn Park', the property Peter Andrews and his family have spent years fine tuning as a working real life laboratory proving how to rehydrate the Australian landscape.