



SAVE THE CLIMATE

Help stop Newcastle Coal Export Expansion

During August and September 2006, over 700 people wrote to the NSW Government demanding that they reject the proposal for a new Coal Export Terminal (CET) in Newcastle Harbour - already the world's biggest coal port. Nearly every submission the government received opposed the CET on the basis of the massive amounts of greenhouse pollution it would facilitate.

In November 2006, a government appointed "Independent Expert Panel" conducted three days of public hearings into the CET proposal. Once again, the community came out in force, and nearly every submission to the panel demanded that the CET proposal be rejected.

In April 2007, the NSW Government overrode the clear will of the community, caved in to coal lobby pressure, and approved the new CET. On the same day, they approved a major capacity expansion of the existing Kooragang Coal Terminal. These two projects will together increase Newcastle coal export capacity to 211 million tonnes per year. That's equivalent to well over three times the NSW domestic greenhouse pollution from all sources.

The new CET alone would be the climate change equivalent of doubling NSW domestic greenhouse emissions.

While the project has the approval of the NSW Government, it will take at least 2 and a half years to construct, and during that time the social licence can still be withdrawn. **It is definitely not too late to prevent this project from proceeding. Rising Tide will be organising large public demonstrations and civil disobedience against the proposed CET, and you will invited to attend.**

In the meantime, let the NSW Government know how you feel about this. A sample letter follows.

NSW Premier Morris Iemma
Level 40, GMT
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY 2000

YOUR NAME
YOUR ADDRESS
TODAY'S DATE

CC: Relevant ministers and local members

Re: No new coal exports!

Dear Mr Iemma,

I am outraged that your government has recently approved the doubling of Newcastle coal exports.

Newcastle coal exports are already our state's biggest contribution to climate change. The proposed new Coal Export Terminal alone would be the climate change equivalent of doubling NSW greenhouse emissions from all sources.

I support the ongoing community campaign to stop the expansion of Newcastle coal exports from going ahead.

Sincerely,