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**I am writing to support the EPA initiatives.**

As a PID user (acc. [REDACTED]) I am very concerned about increased salinity levels. The Hunter River is our lifeline and is under threat from the irresponsibly planned further expansion of the Hunter Valley coal mines. Hunter River salinity is growing and is a very complex problem that only people (excluding those in the mining industry) directly involved in its use really appreciate and understand. I would also like to see increased public transparency and access to information on water quality data and results of investigations into the health of the river system. I would also like to see investigation of assessments of high EC levels in Wollombi Brook at Warkworth.

Yours sincerely  
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