

PROTECT OUR WATER ALLIANCE CREEK CONVOY

COLLINS CREEK

Collins Creek flows through Woonona, passing just south of the Woonona-Bulli RSL, past Woonona High School, and reaching the ocean just north of Woonona Rock Pool. After the very heavy rain of Feb 2022, black coal pollution was noticed on Bulli Beach, at the mouth of Collins Creek.



BELLAMBI CREEK

Bellambi Creek passes through the Russell Vale Colliery site, then through Bellambi and Holy Spirit High school, before forming Bellambi Lagoon and meeting the sea just north of Bellambi Rock Pool. Bellambi Creek has been hit by multiple pollution events from Wollongong Resources's **Russell Vale Colliery** - most notably in 2016 and again in 2022.

ALLANS CREEK

Allans creek arises near Famborough Road Public School, passing north of the Illawarra Velodrome, before joining Charcoal Creek in Unanderra and heading behind McKeon's Swim centre. It then joins American Creek and Nudja Creek before flowing out to Tom Thumb Lagoon at Port Kembla.

South32's Dendrobium Mine and **Appin Mine** have licences to dump millions of litres of salty water in Allans Creek. There are hazardous levels of heavy metals downstream of the discharge point.



BRANDY AND WATER CREEK

Brandy and Water creek starts in Mount Kembla, near the Mt Kembla Ridge Track. It then flows north of Cordeaux Road, until it meets American Creek in Figtree near George Fuller Drive.

In 2020, one of the tailings dams at **South32's Dendrobium Mine** burst, sending toxic coal tailings down this creek in suburban Figtree.

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RUSSELL VALE COLLIERY

Owned by Wollongong Resources, in turn owned by Jindal Steel and Power. 100% of the coal is exported for international use.

Operational on and off since the late 1800s, reopened in late 2021 with a 5-year licence. Currently doing "bord and pillar" underground mining, and mining a third seam of coal beneath two previously mined seams.

Also the site of many creative community protests in recent years. Has its own theme song "No Diggety".



DENDROBIUM MINE

Owned by South32. Operational since 2005. South32 recently backed away from a 25 year expansion plan, Dendrobium's current licence expires in 2030.

About 30% of the coal is used at the Port Kembla Steelworks, the rest is exported.

Extensive documentation of the destruction of creeks, waterfalls and upland swamps by this mining. Also the subject of many community protests, perhaps most notably "Bathrobes not Dendrobes".



All of these spills into our creeks are due to mine infrastructure (such as tailings dams) either not being built to withstand severe weather events, or having not been maintained adequately. In order to protect our local waterways, we need an end to mining in our water catchment, and we need adequate mining rehabilitation to stop these pollution events from occurring once the mines close.

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CONVOY? HERE'S
THE MAP**

