

COUNCIL OFFICIALLY OPPOSES MINING IN THE SCENIC RIM

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COUNCILLORS have today endorsed their position against mining development in the Scenic Rim at the Special Meeting.

Council's position against mining development in the region, when it conflicts with the community's vision, was outlined in Councillor Bensted's written motion to Council:

"The Scenic Rim Regional Council is firmly opposed to mining development that conflicts with our Community's vision reflected in our Planning Schemes and other council policies. We seek to change State laws and explore existing avenues to give more authority to local communities to protect their values in relation to such developments," Cr Bensted said.

"The community values the scenic amenity and the rural and natural landscape in which we live and Council is simply protecting this interest."

This motion evolved from the recent concern from the community about the exploration for possible coal mining in the Mount Barney and Maroon area.

Chairperson Councillor Dave Cockburn said this motion was put forward by Councillor Bensted and was supported unanimously by all Councillors.

"All councillors supported the motion to oppose the mining for the conservation of the region's natural landscape," Cr Cockburn said.

The matter will be further considered in detail at a future meeting.

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