



THE PEOPLE'S BLOCKADE

of the

WORLD'S BIGGEST COAL PORT

Peaceful mass action against climate change

Saturday 3rd November, 10am onwards
Horseshoe Beach Newcastle

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What is the People's Blockade of the World's Biggest Coal Port?

Hundreds of people will form a chain across Newcastle Harbour to blockade the world's biggest coal port! You are invited to join in the peaceful blockade on the water, or show your support on the shore.

What are our demands?

- No new coal mines.
- No new coal exports.
- A just transition to a sustainable future.

Why should I join the People's Blockade?

Despite thousands of people writing letters and attending demonstrations in opposition, governments and coal companies are proceeding with plans to double coal exports from Newcastle. Since the last protest occupation of Newcastle Harbour in February 2007, the NSW Government has approved a 109 million tonne capacity expansion of coal exports from Newcastle. If this expansion goes ahead, the greenhouse pollution from Newcastle coal exports will exceed Australia's total emissions from all domestic sources.

The expansion of coal exports is directly related to more and bigger mines in the Hunter Valley and beyond. Since the NSW election in March, two massive new open-cut coal mines have been approved in NSW - Anvil Hill near Muswellbrook, and Moolarben near Mudgee. Several smaller mines and expansions have also been approved. There are around 30 coal mine proposals to feed Newcastle exports, and the NSW Government has shown they have no intention of rejecting any of them.

If we are going to stop catastrophic climate change, we must not allow this massive expansion of coal exports to happen. The only thing that can stop it now is a sustained campaign of civil disobedience and non-violent direct action.

The People's Blockade of the World's Biggest Coal Port will be a fun, vibrant community event, so bring your friends and family. If you don't want to take part in the floating blockade, your support will still be needed!

What do I do now?

- Get in touch with Rising Tide: risingtide@risingtide.org.au
- Spread the word! We need people, we need lots of boats.

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