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PROTEST: Opponents of the Anvil Hill coalmine proposal lobby Kim Beazley, who launched Labor's climate blueprint in Sydney yesterday.

Message of opposition

ACTIVISTS have warned they will launch protest campaigns similar to those that shut down Port Waratah facilities and blockaded the Port of Newcastle last year if planning proceeds for a major new coalmine in the Hunter Valley.

Opponents of the proposed Anvil Hill coalmine near Muswellbrook gathered in Sydney yesterday to launch the Anvil Hill Alliance, a union of environmental activists, concerned residents,

Hunter businesses and a handful of coalminers.

Greenpeace communications officer Tim Hollo said protesters would consider a variety of campaigns.

A spokesman for Centennial Coal, the company behind the proposal, said it had an "excellent appreciation" of community and stakeholder concerns.

— Neil Keene