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NSW Department of Planning
& Environment
GPO Box 39,
SYDNEY NSW 2001.

**RE: Submission on Dargues Reef Mine Proposed Modification 4
(10_0054 MOD 4)**

Dear Sir/Madam

We are opposed to Modification 4 of the Dargues Reef Mine proposal.

This additional modification is an example of the cumulative development creep that is occurring in major developments in NSW such as Barangaroo.

Dargues Reef Gold Mine development was not well thought out from conception – yet the proponent can manipulate the planning processes to refine its objectives, push back its critics and simultaneously expand its operation.

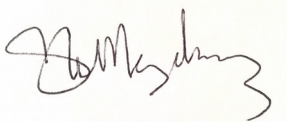
The additional land purchase and inclusion into the project's schedule of land is an expansion of the project area. There is no detail of the additional land area size or indication of future purpose.

The recent breach of a tailings dam wall at Cadia gold mine earlier this year demonstrates that modern risk mitigation is not foolproof. Given that Pybar Construction Services who are contracted at Cadia are also employed at Dargues Reef, it does not provide any confidence in the current project or the authorities approving it.

The mine will continue to take more without giving anything of comparable value in return, except irreversible damage that will be its legacy.

We are vehemently opposed to this proposal and encourage the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to prioritise approval of renewable energy projects, where employment will be indefinite and the benefit to the community and environment will be positive, as opposed to approving a gold mine disaster.

Yours faithfully,



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