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To whom it may concern,

I am objecting to the proposed modifications to the Wilpinjong Coal Mine.

1. The proposal to further increase extraction of Run of Mine coal from 15 million tonnes per annum to 16 million with additional overburden production has not been adequately assessed for noise, dust, blasting and spontaneous combustion impacts
2. There is no evidence that the spontaneous combustion events at the mine have been reported under the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*
3. Current noise, dust and spontaneous combustion odour impacts are not adequately managed or regulated with existing operations, therefore any modifications should not be allowed.
4. Wilpinjong Mine has not completed the new plans of management for Modification 5 approved in February 2014
5. The assessment does not consider cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community. Peabody Energy now owns about 70% of all property in the district and has distorted the property market:
  - Ongoing acquisition of properties
  - Loss of Wollar Bushfire Brigade – increased vulnerability to emergencies
  - Loss of families attending the local school
6. The cumulative mining impacts in Mid Western Regional Council area including ongoing loss of community and social cohesion has not been assessed.

This modification, if it is allowed, will further damage our Air, Water, Land and Health,

I object to this modification, the expansion should not proceed.

Kind regards,

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