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Subject: Angus Place mod 8 and West Coal Services mod 5 submission

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I am objecting to the proposal:
Yes

My name is Chris Ross and I am making a submission as I am concerned about potential impacts on Gardens of Stone area. I am a regular visitor to the area.

Placing a proposal on exhibition for only 2 weeks and over a long weekend is inappropriate and seems to be trying to avoid people having the opportunity to make submissions. 14 days seems inadequate time for comment as well. The impacts of these modifications should be assessed as part of the proposed Angus Place West mine expansion, rather than piecemeal through these modifications. The entire impact will be hidden if it is broken into too many smaller changes.

The shallow depth and pumps out proposed will draw down the water table as previously demonstrated with Angus place mod 5 and dry out swamps and wetlands causing flora and fauna dependent on these swamps to die out. Will this increase fire risk in the upcoming El Niño? These swamps are unique and it is important they are protected.

It is simply inappropriate to pump effluent water that is too contaminated for current water treatment system into streams leading to Sydney's drinking water catchment. Particularly coming into an El Niño. Damage to aquatic life is probable and impact in drinking water quality is not acceptable.

I am concerned the modifications have not been referred for Commonwealth assessment under the EPBC Act. I believe that this project is likely to have significant impacts on water and that the modifications should be referred to Environment Minister Plibersek to determine if the water trigger applies.

There is a long list of environmental incidents and harm from Centennial, they do not have the track record to demonstrate they will operate responsibly and should not be allowed to expand operations.

Additional water treatment for the contaminated water is clearly required and requires expert scrutiny to ensure that no impact will occur due to mine discharges.

