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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

To Whom It May Concern,
I am a resident of the Blue Mountains and have been so for nearly 20 years. During that time I have done several walks in the Gardens of Stone area and other areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area and it has always saddened me to see the damage we have done by allowing coal mining under these areas and allowing discharge of mine water into some of the local waterways.

The short period of 14 days which included a public holiday and school holidays looks as though it was designed to minimise any public scrutiny. There should be at least another well advertised 14 day period allowed.
Why are these modifications not part of the Angas Place West proposal? They are obviously related to this proposed expansion of the mine so should be assessed rigorously as part of it. Is Centenial Coal trying to avoid proper assessment and trying to avoid its responsibilities to safeguard the environment. Is the company trying to avoid the expenditure required to to clean the water before discharge. The company should be told to withdraw the modifications and include them in the State Significant development application for the Angas Place West development.
This proposed modification will adversely affect groundwater, swamps and creeks in the area as has been clearly demonstrated by the damage caused by the previous Modification 5 approved pumping at the same rate as the proposed Modification 8. It's time that mining companies are stopped from causing any damage to sensitive environments and endangered species and this needs to be rigorously policed.
Any mine effluent that is permitted to be discharged into local waterways should not have higher concentrations of any component that is higher than in the natural waterway. Why does this proposal not use the existing Springvale Water Treatment plant to ensure that there will not be any pollution of waterways?
This modification is significant and has the high probability of creating adverse environmental impacts. As such it should assessed under the Commonwealth EPBC Act.
Centennial Coal is not a 'Good Citizen' when assessed on past performance of its mining operation. It has been fined several times for damage to waterways and swamps and associated species. Any proposal from this company must be assessed with utmost caution and any decisions should definitely not favor the company over the environment.
If the capacity of the 40ML/day Springvale Water Treatment Plant has been exceed and cannot treat an additional 10ML/day of mine water from Angus Place Mine as proposed in modification 8, then an additional water treatment plant is required. This is a large amount of additional mine water and the entire Angus Place and Springvale mine water matter requires thorough scrutiny by expert panels, including the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development, the NSW Independent Planning Commission and the Independent Expert Advisory Panel on Underground Mining.
These modifications should not be considered separately from the main mine development proposal, they are part

of the one operation and should be considered together at parts of a major project.