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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,

There is no rationale for any government to destroy such a natural wonder for a destructive fossil fuel project. It breaks my heart to watch coalition and labor governments completely disregard the facts and approve ecocide for their fossil fuel mates. The International Energy Agency have stated very clearly that if we never approve another fossil fuel project or even continue with projects already approved we will still be struggling to reduce our emissions to pre-industrial levels by 2050.

This is a cynical government move to stealthily deny its citizens of their right to have their say - it demonstrates that this government knows it has no social licence for this proposal.

The impacts of these modifications should be assessed in totality with Angus Place West major project, rather than piecemeal through these modifications.

The modifications should be withdrawn and the proposed changes should be included in Centennial's state significant development application for the Angus Place West mining area so that they can be appropriately assessed. What an example of a government ensnared by corporate capture.

The proposed modification 8 which would allow pumping at 10ML/day from areas 800 and 900 is likely to again lower the groundwater table and also impact on surface water resources of the area of operations for the Angus Place West proposal.

Due to the proximity of the Lithgow Coal seam to the surface in the Angus Place West project area. These modifications may cause regional draw-down or localised far-field draw-down of near-surface groundwater, damaging Kangaroo and Lambs Creeks and swamps, as well as the upper Coxs River and its swamps. Nationally endangered plants may also be harmed, including Xerochrysum palustre (Swamp everlasting), Pultenaea glabra, Kunzea cambagei, Veronica blakleyi, Grevillea acanthifolia, Gentianella cunninghamii, Prasophyllum australe and Latham's Snipe (a rare migratory bird species).

It is unconscionable that the wetlands will be damaged.

Centennial Coal will destroy Sydney's drinking water - the company is not fit to have a licence to do business, and this project should be refused.

Due to a probable lowering near-surface groundwater aquifers, Angus Place modification 8 may impact on nationally endangered species such as Swamp Everlasting, Grevillea acanthifolia, Gentianella cunninghamii, Prasophyllum australe, Latham's Snipe and nationally endangered Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone in the Angus Place West Project Area. These impacts must be assessed.

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Centennial Coal has failed to demonstrate that Modification 8 Angus Place and Modification 5 Western Coal Services do not impact of matters of national environmental significance.

I have no confidence in Centennial Coal's ability to operate responsibly. Their track record is poor, and littered with environmental abuses. I cannot believe I even have to write this submission given how widely known it is that Centennial Coal is an arrogant and non-compliant developer and operator.

I strongly object to Centennial Coal's pollution record. I object to permitting this fossil fuel company to be in charge of our water.

The time for mining is over. The time for Centennial Coal is over. There is no safe level of mining. There is no safe level of pollution. There are no safe levels of greenhouse gases. We are reaching tipping points, in fact maybe we have already reached them, and Centennial Coal has no place in of world of business, and certainly not in the beautiful Gardens of Stone.