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I would like to register my opposition to this open cut mine and make the following objections:

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- The Boggabri mine will destroy an existing carbon sink and produce 16.9 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year. This is equivalent to 10% of all greenhouse gases emitted annually in NSW.

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I OPPOSE THIS MINE!

The heart of Maules Creek is Leard State Forest ? the largest single remnant of native vegetation left on the heavily-cleared Liverpool Plains. It is home to 22 threatened plant and animal species, including owls, bats and birds, and contains one of the largest remaining stands of the nationally-endangered Grassy White Box ecosystem.

It is also home to a range of newly-discovered and unique freshwater invertebrates that depend on healthy groundwater.

Collectively, these mines will open-cut two-thirds of this invaluable forest, and replace it with coal mines and dubious ?offsets?. This public forest, with immeasurable benefits to the community, will be destroyed forever for private gain. The fascinating underground species that depend on healthy groundwater won?t stand a chance.

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## Colin Phillips - Online Submission from charlotte rogers of helios health care centre ()

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Please think/plan ahead longterm

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I believe all remnant vegetation in Australia should be classed as rare and sacred; never touched for any industrial reason. The federal governments? newly released Australia?s Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030 clearly points out that saving and connecting remnant vegetation areas is a clear priority if our habitat and biodiversity is to be saved and restored.

Clearing for coal ranks as one of the stupidest things that anyone could think of doing, given what we already know about Global Warming and Climate Change. For private enterprise to continue to ruin Earths Ecosystems and our own habitat, aught to be against the law.

The following is a media release that points out the dire situation faced by many birds and other animal species of the western regions of Eastern Australia.

Sincerely - Mark Merritt 0427 571 770

M.R. Starts Here -

Rural Australia faces treeless future  
 Tuesday 2 June 2009

Australia?s temperate grazing region is facing a tree regeneration crisis, with new research from The Australian National University suggesting that millions of hectares could be treeless within decades.

A research project based at the Fenner School of Environment and Society at ANU has found that the majority of scattered paddock trees in grazing areas are old and close to death, yet there are virtually no young trees growing to replace them. The results are published in the latest edition of the US-based Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

?We studied a one-million-hectare area in the Upper Lachlan catchment in NSW, but our findings are applicable for much of the temperate grazing region, especially in New South Wales and Victoria,? said team leader Dr Joern Fischer from ANU.

?Tree cover is sparse over much of the region and many trees are very old, especially where past clearing has been extensive. Typical paddock trees are often over 140 years in age and, in many locations, no young trees have regenerated for decades.

?This age profile of trees, with many old trees and virtually no young trees, is not natural. By way of contrast, we found that in long-ungrazed locations young trees were the most common age group. Our findings have serious implications ? under existing management practices, millions of hectares of land currently supporting tens of millions of trees will be treeless within decades from now.?

The researchers argue that the disappearance of paddock trees would have many negative effects for agriculture and natural ecosystems, removing shelter for livestock, habitat for birds and other wildlife, decreasing water infiltration, and risking detrimental flow-on effects for the entire ecosystem.

?But the good news is that management practices exist that can reverse the tree regeneration crisis,? Dr Fischer said. ?We found that trees are more likely to regenerate in unfertilised pastures where soil nutrient levels are low. We also found that trees are more likely to regenerate under high-intensity rotational grazing than under conventional, continuous grazing.?

Dr Fischer and his colleagues have developed a short list of tangible management options for maintaining paddock trees that could assist farmers and other land managers.

?Ultimately, maintaining tree cover over vast areas cannot be done without nature?s help,? Dr Fischer said. ?Hence,

farm ecosystems must become self-sustaining, allowing for natural tree regeneration while also providing an income to farmers.?

The research was funded by the Australian Research Council and the Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities program.

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I strongly object to the approval of open cut mining in Boggabri. This mine will have significant consequences on both the local and global ecosystems. The Leard State Forest is a significant area that is home to at least 22 threatened species of flora and fauna. There are also other endangered groundwater dependent ecosystems in the area that will be heavily affected by the alteration of water chemistry and permanent water-table reduction of up to one metre.

More broadly this mining proposal will produce up to 17 million tonnes of greenhouse gases per year and simultaneously destroy an existing carbon sink.

The Boggabri and Maules Creek mines should therefore not be granted approval.

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Hi, I read about the plan to expand mining on the Liverpool Plains in the Leard State Forest.  
When will you/they recognise that maybe you can have too much mining? That maybe the price we're paying in lost habitat and natural environment is too high when compared to the short term hit of more royalties. These forests and environments are practically owned by all of us, even if they are on private land, and our government's job should be to protect them for the public and for future generations.  
If we lose these last sanctuaries then they will never be replaced.  
Do you really want this for the sake of a couple of hundred jobs and a few hundred million in royalties?  
You should be more imaginative about how to make money to pay the state's bills!!  
Thx

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In this time of rapid global warming due to human generated greenhouse gas emissions, when we need every available carbon sink, every single tree and every bit of habitat for stressed and endangered animals, why would we want to dig another coal mine? Why would we want to dig a coal mine in a national park?

For purely financial reasons, we have to begin thinking about a coal free future and it must begin now, today. We should be putting our financial investment into renewable energy projects which will be far more profitable in the long term. We should not be investing in an industry that is already doomed to be phased out within the next decade.

Do not allow the creation of a coal mine in a forest. When unique forest and natural habitat of this nature is destroyed, it's gone forever. The last thing we need in this country is more coal mining. It is madness to continue down this path of destruction of everyone's world for the sake of short term profit for a few individuals.

Think about what you are doing and the true consequences of your actions. There is no second chance with global warming. There is only one planet that our children will inherit. There can be only one sane decision for the common good of all.

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Please do not go forward in your plans to build the mine. Leard State Forest is an irreplaceable forest ecosystem in a degraded landscape. The 1385 ha of critical habitat planned for clearance will not be adequately replaced by species-poor plantings.

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To the New South Wales government,

The proposal to develop another coal mine at Maules Creek, for me, is quite disturbing. I am 20 years old and I am honestly worried about Australia's future. Constantly I hear about new developments occurring in Australia, be it for mining or oil or gas, etc in places that are important. They are important because they are homes to native endangered plant and animal species, because they are the homeland and source of life for many Indigenous Australians, and also because they are the future of Australia - but not the future of Australia in that they are potential mine sites. They are the future of Australia because they are special and sacred places that are the lungs of the nation. They are the carbon sinks of the nation, and without them, we will not survive and our future will die.

At only 20 years old, I am fed up of hearing that new coal mines are necessary for the future growth of Australia. Why coal mines??? Why do WE need coal mines???? We are living in the 21st century. We see countries overseas (such as America) where wind farms are being used successfully in areas to produce enough energy to power whole cities. Why are we not doing the same thing???? The same thing goes for solar power. Why not invest our money and resources into sustainable and renewable energy that will most definitely support Australia's future?? We have enough space, we have suitable enough weather, and if we have the money to continue to construct new coal mines, then we have the money to construct wind and solar farms. I realise that there are a lot of jobs in the mining industry, but why can't these jobs be transferred to the renewable industry???

I simply do not understand why Australian GOVERNMENTS are not willing to take the right step forward and really ensure not only a future for Australia, but a healthy and sustainable future. Your plans are short-sighted and do not consider the real damage that will be done. The LONG-TERM damage, damage that is irreversible. No matter how many "impact assessments" are undertaken, there will always be a way for a government to get what it wants, and these assessments are never fully eco-friendly. There is no way that they can be. Although renewable energy also has its side-effects, these are nothing when compared with the damage that is done to plants, animals, humans and soil, etc when mining is involved.

My arguments continue here on:

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Please reconsider Australia's need for yet another coal mine and use OUR money and resources to invest in the

right type of energy!!

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