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I won't pretend to be an expert on this issue but as a resident of Newcastle and a keen birdwatcher and nature lover I tender this submission.

In the Hunter Valley the coal companies continue to mine the coal at an alarming rate so much so that each time I pass the coal loaders on Kooragang I shudder to think what environmental damage we are doing world wide not to mention the degradation of the local areas where the coal is mined. The companies certainly do not re-establish the environment in any way and looking from above the area looks like a moonscape. Please do not allow the same to happen in the Leard State Forest.

Is this country hell bent on getting all the coal out of the ground before the world finally sees the light and starts using renewable forms of energy?

Urbanisation and land degradation are having such a bad impression on wild life and we are seeing many changes in the distribution of our bird life as well as loss of species both flora and fauna. Biodiversity is essential for the survival of our planet.

I beg of you not to allow this project to proceed, please think of my two beautiful grandsons and the quality of life they will have in the future.

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To The Minister for Planning & His Department:

I would like to express my concerns for the coal mining activities in Leard State Forests.

I & several other concerned citizens have discussed this issue & are requesting that the continuation & expansion of coal mining activities in Leard State Forest be totally rejected.

Leard State Forest contains ecosystems that are the last remnants in the greater Liverpool Plains region. Amongst several values it includes Grassy White Box woodland & provides habitat for several endangered Flora & Fauna species. This ecosystem has taken several thousands of years to evolve & is irreplaceable.

The groundwater will be damaged by continuation & expansion of coal mining endangering several dependant ecosystems & farming communities.

Coal mining impacts not only effects natural communities but impacts on health & livelihoods of urban & rural communities. These wilderness areas are essential in absorbing carbon. If this ecosystem declines & coal mining continues it will tip the scales towards higher carbon emissions to the planets atmosphere significantly. If coal mining is allowed to continue & expand it could represent a staggering amount of 10% of all greenhouse gases emitted in NSW.

The Boggabri Coal mine proposal must be entirely referred to the Federal Minister for Environment for consideration under the Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

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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.

Surely the above reasons make it irresponsible to mine in this irreplaceable forest ecosystem.

We have to leave something to future generations and not just grab and destroy everything in the insatiable rush for money.

It has taken millions of years to create this system and once destroyed it is lost forever.

Let's not let greed overcome common sense

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Dear Minister,

Re: Submission Boggabri Coal proposal Leard Forest, NSW

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Major Projects assessment of the Boggabri Coal Project.

I would like to object to the project on the following grounds:

- 1) Leard State Forests is an irreplaceable forest ecosystem in a degraded landscape. The 1385 ha of forest that will be cleared by Boggabri Coal, including Grassy White Box, can never be replaced and neither the 'offsets' nor the 'rehabilitation' can ever reproduce this unique, intact ecosystem.
- 2) Public forests should not be destroyed for private gain. This woodland is important for everyone.
- 3) Farming communities and groundwater dependent ecosystems in the vicinity of the project could be damaged by reductions in the water table of up to 2 metres from the cumulative impacts of the four mines.
- 4) I understand from reading associated documents that the Boggabri Coal mine could produce up to 7 million tonnes of coal per annum, and the four mines combined are expected to produce more than 22 million tonnes of coal per annum. This is larger than any existing Hunter Valley mine, and will cause major impacts on local communities, their health, their way of life and their livelihoods.
- 5) The Boggabri Coal mine alone 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 throughout the whole of NSW.
- 6) The cumulative impacts in conjunction with the other mines are immense and will make a massive contribution to accelerated global warming. This is simply unacceptable.
- 7) I strongly believe that the Boggabri Coal mine proposal must be referred in it's entirety to the Federal Minister for Environment for consideration under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Yours sincerely,

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Hello. I am writing to register my opposition to the Boggabri Mine. In a time when we need to be actively reducing our dependancy on coal, it is counter to logic to proceed with an endeavour such as this mine. I'm not going to quote scientific evidence or cite greenhouse gas data or even talk in Greenie terms. You know what all the Greenie-speak and also know the environmental facts that pertain to what you are proposing to do. Please, join the ranks of those who want to keep our home (Planet Earth) healthy and clean so we can continue to live with some semblance of what we for now still have, instead of adding to it's demise. Do something positive instead of destructive. I know you know what I'm talking about. You're all intelligent. Do what's best, not what's profitable. The rewards will come back many fold. Regards, Myles

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This is public land - that means it belongs to the public - we vote you in to represent our views and not line the pockets of a private mining company. Once you knock all of these areas down and they leave behind a wasteland - what have we gained? We are left with huge swathes of land that is unusable, with at best remediation efforts that simply cannot replicate the natural forest that once stood there. Where do you think all of the threatened birds and mammals go to when you leave them nothing to live in? You are taking millions of lives when you do this - don't make your legacy leaving things in a worse state than when you came.

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I would like to voice my strong objection, to the plan by the multi-national-owned Boggabri Coal to open-cut 1400 ha of irreplaceable remnant forest - about 14,000 quarter-acre blocks (Boggabri Mine - Boggabri).

I base my objection on the following grounds:

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Yours faithfully

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I have been to Mount Kaputar National Park and have enjoyed the pleasures of this and the surrounding native plant and animal life. I am concerned about the impacts that coal mining will have on the natural environment and tourism in the area. Leard State Forest is an irreplaceable forest ecosystem in a degraded landscape and cannot be replaced by species-poor plantings which will take hundreds of years to reach maturity and be valuable as habitat. Water quality also has the potential to be negatively impacted by the proposed Boggabri Coal project, including permanent water table-reduction. The proposed Maules Creek and Boggabri mines will produce up to 20 million tonnes of coal per year. This is larger than any existing Hunter Valley mine, and will induce significant social impacts and 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. Investment in renewable energy should be encouraged and follow the leads of countries like Spain. These projects create many jobs and bring income into rural areas. Let us not destroy the largest single remnant of native vegetation left on the heavily-cleared Liverpool Plains, home to 22 threatened plant and animal species, and contains one of the largest remaining stands of the nationally-endangered Grassy White Box ecosystem.

I urge you to reject this proposal and permanently protect this remnant for future generations.

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