

Matthew Riley - Fwd: Online Submission from Katherine Downs (object)

From: Colin Phillips
To: Matthew Riley
Date: 4/02/2011 8:52 AM
Subject: Fwd: Online Submission from Katherine Downs (object)

>>> Katherine Downs <katherine.downs@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au> 3/02/2011 12:06 pm >>>

I do not support the approval of open cut coal mining in this area. Approval of the Boggabri mine will result in the imposition of large-scale mining in an irreplaceable forest ecosystem. Leard State Forest is a refuge for plants and animals in a degraded landscape. The 1385 ha of critical habitat planned for clearance cannot be adequately replaced by plantings.

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. In light of global warming, it is time to act to decrease the production of greenhouse gases, not increase them.

Given the large scale of this proposal, I am concerned for the impact of opencut mining on human health and the social impacts upon surrounding communities.

I am also concerned about the Endangered Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems in the vicinity of the Boggabri Coal project which will be damaged by water chemistry alteration and permanent water table-reduction of up to one metre.

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>>> Alice Graham <alicesgraham@hotmail.com> 3/02/2011 12:12 pm >>>

I am writing to express my deep concern about the Boggabri Coal and Maules Creek Coal projects and their contribution to the worsening climate crisis. My submission is outlined in the following statements:

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.

Endangered Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems in the vicinity of the Boggabri Coal project will be damaged by water chemistry alteration and permanent water table-reduction of up to one metre. Cumulative permanent reductions in the water table of up to 2 metres are anticipated to result from the Boggabri Coal and Maules Creek Coal projects.

Approval of the Boggabri mine will result in the imposition of large-scale mining. 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.

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.

Please stop these destructive open cut mining projects so we can strive for a safe climate future.

Yours sincerely,
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>>> Beverley Symons <bevsym@gmail.com> 3/02/2011 4:58 pm >>>

I am strongly opposed to the Boggabri Coal Mines project for the following reasons:

* Leards 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 inadequate and species-poor plantings.

* Endangered groundwater dependent ecosystems in the vicinity of the Boggabri Coal project will be damaged by water chemistry alteration and permanent water table-reduction of up to one metre. Cumulative permanent reductions in the water table of up to 2 metres are anticipated to result from the Boggabri Coal and Maules Creek Coal projects.

* Approval of the Boggabri mine will result in the imposition of large-scaloe mining. The proposed Maules Creek and Boggabri mines will produce up to 20 million tonnes of coal per year, which will cause significant social impacts.

* The Boggabri mine will destroy an existing carbon sink and produce 16.9 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year.

I urge rejection of this objectionable proposal.

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>>> Susanne Skates <ar.smskates@skymesh.com.au> 4/02/2011 11:56 am >>>

I ask that the Boggabri Coal mine continuation and expansion proposal, which is being assessed by the NSW Department of Planning, be rejected and stopped before this destructive mining takes hold.

The Leard State Forest area is an irreplaceable forest eco system in a degraded landscape. The 646ha of Grassy White box and the 1385ha of this forest that has already been cleared can never be replaced and neither the ?offset? nor ? rehabilitated? can ever reproduce this original intact ecosystem. Public forests are for the people of Australia not for private gain.

The valuable groundwater systems that the farming and ecosystems rely on will be damaged by the cumulative effect of the four mines proposed and they can never be replaced. In a country that is the driest in the world to deplete any water system for short term gain by private interests is destruction of the people of Australia?s heritage and long term survival.

The extent of these mines will make them the largest in the Hunter Valley and further impact of the local communities, their health, their livelihoods and their way of life.

Greenhouse gases produced by the Boggabri mine equate to 10% of all greenhouse gases produced annually throughout NSW so any expansion will be greater and requires careful consideration by the Minister for Planning.

This whole proposal should be referred to the Federal Minister for Environment for assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 rather than just referring the expansion and ignoring the continuation.

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Subject: Fwd: Online Submission from Warrick Jordan (object)
Attachments: Warrick Jordan Boggabri Coal Continuation Submission Feb 2011.pdf

>>> Warrick Jordan <warrickjordan@gmail.com> 6/02/2011 10:02 pm >>>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my personal objection to the proposed Boggabri Coal mine continuation. This project appears ill-conceived and environmentally-disastrous. Significant remnants of forest such as Leard State Forest should be protected at all costs. The destruction of such forested areas for private-sector profit is an unconscionable act.

? 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 624 ha of Box Grassy Woodland (consisting of three EPBC-listed Critically Endangered Ecological Communities), can never be replaced and neither the 'offsets' nor the 'rehabilitation' can ever reproduce this unique, intact ecosystem;

? Groundwater dependant ecosystems (GDEs) will similarly be impacted by drops in the water table. Although the GDEs that exist in the Maules Creek area are yet to be thoroughly researched, and thus are not listed under the EPBC Act, it appears that these ecosystems are endemic, and that any operation that significantly impacts groundwater supplies will potentially damage a largely unknown community;

? The intent of state forest tenure is to manage public assets for the benefit of the public. In the case of Leard, it is clear that the maintenance of a valuable ecosystem holds the primary value to the public over other land uses. Thus, this land use should be privileged over other uses. The destruction of a key public and natural asset such as Leard State Forest should not occur in any event, with this particularly so in the current circumstance, where the benefits of the project will be passed into private hands;

? The Boggabri Coal mine alone will 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. TWSN recognises the linkages between the development of coal mines in the Hunter Valley and Gunnedah Basin, the exporting of coal from the Port of Newcastle, and climate change, and strongly encourages the assessing authority to more thoroughly consider the long-term environmental and economic implications of encouraging and facilitating the use of a new coal field in the region;

? The Proposed Offset Areas for the project appear entirely inadequate. The destruction of a significant stand of forest containing EECs and its replacement with ecologically-speculative rehabilitation of dubious environmental value, when strong identified values exist in standing forest, appears to be nonsensical from an ecological perspective;

? Despite various claims and attempts, it appears that rehabilitation work conducted on previous mine sites in the adjoining Hunter Valley has established poor or failed imitations of the previous vegetation communities. There appears to be nothing demonstrated that would suggest that this project could achieve otherwise; and

? Farming communities in the vicinity of the project will be damaged by significant reductions in the water table. TWSN opposes any mining operations that impacts more sustainable uses of groundwater.

I believe that a robust planning and approvals process should ensure that such an ecologically-devastating project will be rejected, and I hope that such an outcome will be forthcoming.

Yours in conservation,
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>>> Carrie Rieden <rieden@hotmail.com> 6/02/2011 9:00 pm >>>

I am writing to indicate my strong opposition to any coal mining in the Maules Creek area or in the Mt Kaputar National Park. Open-cut coal mining is destructive and is not appropriate for this unique and beautiful location. Maules Creek, in the foothills of the Mt Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri, is subject to four huge open-cut proposals. These mines would destroy a remnant forest and valuable surrounding farmland. Our country needs farmland to grow food for the growing world population. The use of coal should be ended and energy should be coming from solar and wind and wave sources, not fossil fuels. It is not appropriate to destroy valuable farmland and forest just to export coal that will contribute to even more environmental damage via global warming!

Please, we need you to keep these areas safe from mining.

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.

This forest and farmland is irreplaceable. Do not let multi-national coal companies destroy our country for their own profit.

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>>> Sean Corrigan <quoll68@optusnet.com.au> 5/02/2011 11:34 pm >>>

? 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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? Approval of the Boggabri mine will result in the imposition of large-scale mining. 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.

? 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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>>> Carl Gosper <carl.gosper@yahoo.com.au> 5/02/2011 10:27 pm >>>

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the mining proposal as it stands, specifically because of the impact it will have on Leard State Forest.

? In my opinion, based on extensive work in central west NSW, Leard State Forest contains one of the best and least degraded white box woodland ecosystems remaining. This community type is threatened and poorly conserved.

? 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.

? Endangered Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems in the vicinity of the Boggabri Coal project will be damaged by water chemistry alteration and permanent water table-reduction of up to one metre. Cumulative permanent reductions in the water table of up to 2 metres are anticipated to result from the Boggabri Coal and Maules Creek Coal projects.

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Regards,
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>>> Lisa Newling <lisa.newling@optusnet.com.au> 5/02/2011 5:25 pm >>>

I am writing to lodge my opposition to the application by Boggabri Coal to continue its coal mining operations on the basis that this operation will have a significantly adverse environmental impact on Maules Creek, in the foothills of the Mt Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri.

The 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.

The Endangered Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems in the vicinity of the Boggabri Coal project will be damaged by water chemistry alteration and permanent water table-reduction of up to one metre. Cumulative permanent reductions in the water table of up to 2 metres are anticipated to result from the Boggabri Coal and Maules Creek Coal projects.

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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 science is now in and we should be looking to promote sustainable and renewable energy sources NOT destroying an existing carbon sink simply for the very short term profits of an industrial dinosaur.

Yours in hope of a sustainable outcome,

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