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I strongly oppose further mining for coal, as it will inevitably add to climate change, a problem which is already leading to more extreme weather events and human suffering around the globe.

The destruction of forest for this project will further add to climate change, as well as contributing to our unprecedented rate of biodiversity loss and extinctions of species.

The reductions in the water table will have long-term effects on farming communities and food security.

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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. This is completely unacceptable.

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<http://www.theweathermakers.org/>

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/environment/coal-will-be-the-new-asbestos-says-flannery/2007/02/08/1170524236625.html>

http://www.amazon.com/Weather-Makers-Changing-Climate-Means/product-reviews/0871139359/ref=dp_top_cm_cr_acr_txt?ie=UTF8&showViewpoints=1

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2010/mar/29/james-lovelock-climate-change>

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<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1992JAWRA..28..597B>

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=1527

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.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/index.html>

<http://www.risingtide.org.au/image/tid/32>

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/gras-white.html>

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicshowcommunity.pl?id=43>

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

<http://www.threatenedspecies.environment.nsw.gov.au/index.aspx>

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies/index.htm>

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.

Australia continues to lose huge tracts of native vegetation and wildlife habitat to the mining industry, as well as to the Pacific Highway upgrades and the development industry. The clearing of 200 ha of Leard forest for the Boggabri coal project was approved before the enactment of the Threatened Species Conservation Act in 1995, and the Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act in 1999, and yet the State Government allowed this outdated approval to remain in force.

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I emigrated to australia twenty years ago and had a belief that it was a country that stood for something . I now see that the only thing that it stands for is Big Business and the whole nature world can look after itself. All I seem to do lately is attempt to defend the land for the ever growing tentacles of the most polluting coal industry. coal will be the death of us all unless we act quickly to use alternatives. For goodness sake Greenland is melting and Polar bears are swimming for Days to try and find a rest place and food. No Myths Plain facts and we sit in the boiling pot .

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my strong opposition to the proposed mining.

I am an economist and an international lawyer. It beggars belief that such a potentially destructive proposal would be countenanced given current concerns about bio-diversity, sustainable development and indeed global warming. Have we learnt nothing from the current flood crises?

In respect of the particular proposals I wish to make the following points:

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I wish my concerns to be given the most serious consideration. I do not believe the current proposals meet our responsibilities either on a domestic or international plane. As well, there are questions of inter-generational equity here. We have to be sensible, cautious and thoughtful to protect our ecological systems for the benefit and welfare of future generations. I do not believe this proposal meets that criterion.

I respectfully submit that the mining not be allowed to proceed.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Minister

I strongly oppose the Boggabri Mine. The mine will destroy 1385 ha of critical habitat. This is an unacceptable loss. Leard State Forest is an irreplaceable forest ecosystem in a degraded landscape. It needs to be protected in its entirety and any loss is not acceptable. It is a valuable source of seed and life for a massive area. You cannot put a monetary cost on its value.

Endangered groundwater dependant ecosystems in the area of the Boggabri coal project will be damaged by changes in water chemistry and permanent water table reductions of 1-2m. These are endangered ecosystems. These ecosystems need full protection. Any loss and any change in water table is unacceptable. Enough change has already occurred in water tables across Australia via mining and farming practices. The long term consequences are not properly understood.

The proposed Boggabri and Maules Creek mines will produce up to 20 million tonnes of coal per year. This is larger than any existing coal mine in the Hunter Valley and will have significant social impacts. These include respiratory complaints, pollution of drinking water, dust pollution, changes in the 'feel' of the towns and alterations to the established way of life.

In addition, both mines will release a massive amount of greenhouse gases. The Boggabri mine alone will destroy an existing carbon sink whilst producing 16.9 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year. This is equivalent to 10% of all greenhouse gases emitted annually in NSW.

The Queensland floods and the massive Victorian bushfires in 2009 are evidence that climate change is occurring now. How can the Department of Planning with its website clearing stating - the Department supports sustainable development - continue to approval mines that are directly contributing to climate change?? Mining is not sustainable. I believe approval of this mine is criminal in that you are knowingly endangered life. The lifes of the animals whos lives are in Leard State Forest and the lifes of people who will be lost when the next 'natural disaster' occurs.

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Please start investing in renewable energies and stopping thinking only about PROFITS!! Your children will accuse you if you destroy more the Earth. I know the monetary system pushes you to not be ethical but be more intelligent and nicer than the system.

Thanks for ready that.

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