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Ulan Coal Mine Amended Modification 6 Hunter Environment Lobby Inc Objection

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/modification-6-underground-mining-extension>

Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.(HEL) is a regional community-based environmental organization that has been active for over 30 years on the issues of environmental degradation, species and habitat loss, and climate change.

HEL does not support the expansion of the coal mining industry in the Mudgee Region because of the cumulative impacts on water sources in the Hunter catchment, ongoing loss of habitat for critically endangered species and ecological communities and the increase in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions at a time when the international community is struggling to contain the social, economic and environmental impacts of worsening climate change.

On 14th November 2025 HEL provided the Department with a submission against the development of MP08_0184-Mod-8, which was overturned. We maintain that the same decision must be made for this proposal as well.

We believe that this amended Mod 6 proposal has finalized the mine plan and identified exactly where the surface infrastructure will impact native vegetation. The previous approval overturned in the Land and Environment Court had nine different options for surface infrastructure – demonstrating that a mine plan had not been completed.

We will also see that subsidence from underground mining, as well as clearing for infrastructure development (roads, pipelines, bores, ventilator shafts) has a significant impact on the landscape. The amended proposal fails to fully assess the impacts and focusses on a very narrow update of new information.

There is no recognition that the Mod 8 proposal is dependent on Mod 6 before it can proceed. It is essential that both proposals are assessed together as a new project. Modifications remove independent scrutiny of the quality of impact assessment and remove community merit appeal rights in the Land and Environment Court. This is not good process.

There is no assessment of cumulative impacts from existing mine approvals or expansion proposals across the three Mudgee Mines: Ulan, Moolarben, Wilpinjong, we maintain that this is a crucial issue so that the public can know the full effects of mining in this area. Effects on the environment as well as social effects, not to mention on water quality and ground water flows, are of the utmost importance to all of us who live in NSW, especially the Hunter.

Yours in trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Davis', is positioned above the typed name.

Jan Davis
President Hunter Environment Lobby Inc.