

## **Match Energy Mt Pleasant Mod 8 - Extension of mine life**

I am a retired citizen of NSW who has been following coal mining extension approvals in NSW. I strongly object to this application, especially given **that the local residents objection to the last application by Match Energy at the Mt Pleasant mine was unanimously upheld by the three justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals and is now the subject of High Court review.**

I welcomed the NSW Government creating the Net Zero Commission and read the findings of its first report. The populace has been assured by the present NSW government that NSW will meet its Net Zero commitments. The first report clearly showed we are not on target.

In this quote within the follow up 'Spotlight Report' investigating specifically the resources sector, the commission clearly stated that NSW is not on track to meet that promised obligation.

*“Continued extensions or expansions to coal mining in NSW are not consistent with the emissions reduction targets in the Climate Change Act or the Paris Agreement temperature goals it gives effect to”.*

**This coal mine expansion undermines the promise of Net Zero and our stated obligations under the Paris Agreement and the NSW government's promise to the electorate.**

This application is a huge expansion of 1.5 million tonnes of greenhouse pollution and the scope 3 pollution is 100 million tonnes. Scope 3 emissions not only affect the worldwide carbon budget but also have huge impact on local communities. This has been established in the Denman case. In the same week of that Supreme Court hearing five people drowned in the Hunter region flooding. On the day the finding of the appeal was handed down, **the International Court of Justice (ICJ) gave its ruling on the obligation of source nations to take responsibility for Scope 3/ downstream emissions.** That 100 million tonnes of downstream pollution and the impacts of climate pollution of the local area must be considered.

People are becoming aware of the link between cost of living and the damage of climate pollution. Communities all over Australia have suffered the massive cost of flood and fire damage and the following clean up and restoration which can take years. No local government, individual or business is immune to the huge increase in the cost of insurance. This increase has one trajectory, ever and increasingly upwards! For many it is bankruptcy. **Climate pollution is having a huge impact on the cost of living for all sectors of the NSW community.**

I strongly object to the approval of this application.

