

Thursday 8 December 2022

This is to confirm my objection to the application by Moolarben Coal Mine to extend their Open Cut mines (south of The Drip at Mudgee NSW) – **Moolarben OC3 Extension Project SSD-33083358 EXH-50540708**

The proximity of the proposed new open cut areas of the existing mine would compromise the integrity of the Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve. In keeping with opposition to the proposal by diverse sections of the people of NSW and beyond by objections are:

1. The location of the proposed extension to the mine and associated proposed haulage roads and infrastructure would infringe the 200 metres Moolarben and Murdering Creek buffer.
2. The immediate and ongoing affects of construction with dislocate and/or threaten fauna already endangered in the Munghorn Moolarben Valley, including koalas.
3. The proposed mine would require land clearing of 624.18 hectares of native vegetation including almost 500 hectares of Box-Gum Woodland and critically endangered eco systems
4. Destruction and contamination of natural surface water and groundwater systems.
5. Degradation of agricultural farmland and accompanying social disruption and financial losses of farming families in the valley.
6. Desecration and/or destruction of Indigenous Heritage sites
7. Increased greenhouse emissions in the construction and operation of the proposed extension to the existing mine.

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