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Submission

Objection to Ulan Coalmine Mod 6

Healthy Rivers Dubbo (HRD) is a grass roots community network dedicated to providing a strong voice for our local rivers, aquifers and wetlands in the Murray-Darling Basin for the benefit of wildlife, plants and people. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge that this land was never ceded.

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The cumulative impact of three large coal mines in the area has already led to a permanent loss of groundwater in the headwaters of the Goulburn and Talbragar Rivers.

The water source for the iconic 'Drip' is associated with the groundwater complex.

Continuing the groundwater drawdown will cause loss of additional base flows to both the Goulburn River to the east and the Talbragar River to the west for up to 3,000 years.

The extension of the mine would impact an additional 48 First Nations cultural sites, 25 hectares of woodland vegetation that includes 10 hectares of critically endangered White Box/Yellow Box/Blakely's Red Gum ecological community.

Glencore's commitment to reaching net zero emissions by 2050 will not be achieved if they proceed to extract a further 25 million tonnes of thermal coal and extend the mine life out to 2035.

There is an extinction emergency, fuelled by habitat loss and climate change. This coal mine expansion would exacerbate more habitat and water loss, for the sake of increasing carbon emissions and the climate change emergency.

No new or expanded coal.

For more information about this submission, contact the Healthy Rivers Dubbo Committee

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