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Denman Aberdeen Muswellbrook Scone Healthy Environment Group Inc is located in the Upper Hunter coalfields. We are dedicated to providing community voice to industry and all levels of government in defense of our natural environment in the interests of human health and well being, and the protection of biodiversity.

DAMS HEG Objection to the Maules Creek

Dear Sir/Madam,

DAMS HEG objects to Whitehaven's attempt to "bank" an approval which does not come into effect until 3034.

You would be aware that NSW has already experienced and is experiencing extreme weather events forecast as a consequence of global warming. Fires, floods and drought, all extreme and all extremely costly. Our local governments are not able to keep up with the road rebuilds and repairs. Many citizens lose their homes each year and home insurance is not available to those most at risk. Or even if they live on acreage.

Also, the International Court of Justice has just ruled that countries who do not act to prevent climate change could be breaching International Law and that states impacted by climate change could be entitled to reparations.

Our group, DAMS HEG Inc also had a court win, in the same week, in the NSW Court of Appeals. We won the case that the IPC had not considered the climate change impacts on the built and natural environments, social and economic.

This mining company needs to look at how it can address the existential threat of climate change, not continue to try and continue or profit while contributing to local biodiversity loss (Swift parrot, ~500 left in the wild, ~500 Ha of Leard's unlogged State Forest) and the Earth's ecological and social collapse.

Given the urgency of action on climate change there should not be a framework open to mining companies to book a new coal mine into the future.

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