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Minister for Planning
NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Dear Minister,

Re: Application SSD-6764-Mod-3 by Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd / Peabody Energy
Extension of Wilpinjong coal mining activities (Pit 8)

We are writing to request that this application for an extension is not approved, for the following reasons:

The proposed expansion differs from the original approved activity. It should be assessed as a new project rather than an extension of an existing activity.

The proposal will allow coal mining too close to Wollar village. This should not be allowed. The village and surrounding landscape should be protected for future generations, to support farming, natural habitat and biodiversity, and to support Aboriginal people returning to Country.

The proposed impacts are likely to degrade both groundwater and surface water associated with the Wollar Creek catchment.

The proposed extension will further endanger local threatened species of plants and animals that should instead be protected.

Preference should instead be given to the nearby future-focused activities associated with the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone. Coal is old technology, and can be replaced. Planning approvals should not be further contributing to the burden of greenhouse gas emissions.

The region has a shortage of skilled labour; extra jobs in coal mining are not needed.

Yours sincerely,

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