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Mount Owen Coal Mine

Glendell Mine - Modification 4 - Minor Extension

- At a time when IPCC guidelines show the necessity of reducing Air Pollution and GHG emissions, even a minor extension of mining is another 'nail in the coffin' of addressing Climate Change and the severe impacts of Particle pollution on health and longevity.
- The New NEPM standards are not proposed and previous assessment of air quality has been lax.
- The cumulative impacts of adding another source to the poor quality of ambient air have not been considered
- Camberwell already experiences frequent (massive) breaches of air quality. The addition of ANY mining activity can only worsen the situation
- Once again, a final void is proposed. The rosy predictions of rehabilitation and re-use of voids all predict outcomes similar to much smaller voids elsewhere in temperate climates and with high rainfall. Australia is a very hot and very dry country and such favourable outcomes will never be achieved.
- Despite promises to define an effective "Final Void Policy" nothing has been done and nothing can be done when, by proponent's own assessments doing something that would make the land useable for worthwhile purpose would cost so much that projects would be economically unsustainable ergo; such projects ARE economically unsustainable.
- Water is a very valuable resource in Australia anything that compromises water availability or quality is to be avoided. Living in Bulga, I am well-aware of the increasing pollution of our water tanks by coal-dust. Climatic changes have resulted in considerably less rainfall, the dam on our property has been dry for over a year something never seen in the 22 years before this one. Living in an area where people are dependent on tank-water it is inequitable to add another severe impact to the many other impacts and disadvantages of living near coal-mines.
- Climate change is supposed to be considered in the assessment of projects. Since the change in that requirement it seems it has always been "considered" and dismissed. When Climate Change represents the most existential threat to ALL nations for intelligent people like this commission to rate it unimportant is a travesty.

For all the reasons outlined this project must be disallowed.
The stakes are too high.

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