

**Submission for
State Significant Project – Angus Place Mine Extension (SSD 12_5602)**

10-15 years ago I could drive out on Newnes Plateau and all I could see was a magnificent environment of pristine bushland that could be enjoyed for its peaceful beauty. Now there is a proliferation of borehole sites, power lines, ventilation sites, pipelines, more roads, monitoring equipment etc. The list goes on. The degradation should not be allowed to continue.

Government needs once and for all to step up and act responsibly to protect the unique biodiversity on Newnes Plateau, including the EEC's.

I object to the proposed Angus Place Mine Extension for the reasons listed below.

- The unique environment of Newnes Plateau including important terrestrial and stream environments in this significant part of the Gardens of Stone region must not be damaged by longwall mining but protected in a state conservation area. This should be a priority of the Government.
- The Angus Place and the adjoining Springvale mine extension proposals must be subject to a Planning Assessment Commission review with concurrent Public Hearings. It is critical to have an independent arbitrator.
- Centennial Coal must not be allowed to simply replicate the damage it has already caused to nationally threatened upland swamps on the Newnes Plateau for which it was required by the Commonwealth Government to pay \$1.45 million in reparations.
There is no evidence that this damage will not occur under all the swamps in the extension proposal.
The sandstone strata supporting these nationally endangered swamps must not be fractured.
- The proposed discharge of up to 43.8 megalitres/day eco-toxic mine effluent must be treated by reverse osmosis technology to remove all metals and salts before discharge to the Cocks River.
- Carne Creek is currently in a pristine state, and its waters that flow through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area are of the highest standard. This creek must be ruined like the Wolgan River was.
- Centennial should be required to revise this proposal to improve environmental outcomes for Carne Creek, pagodas, cliffs and the many nationally endangered swamps that the current proposal puts at risk.
- I do not want to see Birds Rock Flora Reserve mined under. It was created to preserve a piece of the Newnes Plateau as an example what it was like before disturbance from development.