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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Through the Colong Foundation, I have learned that there appear to be many problems associated with the application to extend coal mining in the area of The Gardens of Stone, not least of which would be the undermining of swamps on the Newnes Plateau.

It would be appreciated if the extension application, along with any other in the future, to cause any kind of damage to this area be thoroughly investigated now, so that it is not an ongoing scenario where changing a paragraph or two in a submission automatically counts as a “new” application.

Some of the requirements associated with an extension of this mine should be that:

- The Angus Place and the adjoining Springvale mine extension proposals must be subject to a Planning Assessment Commission review with concurrent Public Hearings.

- 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.

- The sandstone strata supporting the 22 nationally endangered swamps, including the 7 shrub swamps must not be fractured.

- The proposed clearing of 14 hectares of forest for an additional ventilation facility is excessive and its proposed location is too close to the Wolgan River.

- The proposed discharge of up to 43.8ML/day of eco-toxic mine effluent must be treated using reverse osmosis technology to remove all metals and salts before discharge to the Cops 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 not run bright orange, like the Wolgan River after previous mining by Centennial Coal.

Please require Centennial to revise this proposal to improve environmental outcomes. Carne Creek, pagodas, cliffs and the many nationally endangered swamps that the current proposal puts at risk must not be damaged.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Yours sincerely,



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