

Mining and Industry Projects
NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

25 May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection:

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

I am writing to you in respect of the above project because I am so concerned about the impacts it will have on the Gardens of Stone region. This is a treasured but threatened environment which cannot be allowed to be damaged or destroyed by coal mining.

Centennial Coal has a bad record in this regard as it has already been fined heavily for damage done to the upland swamps on the Newnes Plateau. Conditions of approval are in no way sufficient to prevent this sort of damage without extensive independent monitoring, and in fact the very action of coal mining means this will happen because it is occurring in a fragile environment. Longwall mining under sandstone leads to subsidence and fracturing.

Pristine riparian environments such as Carne Creek; upland hanging swamps, Cambodian-like pagodas –all these are too precious to be damaged. Once lost, they cannot be replaced. Reverse osmosis technology must be used to treat all mine effluent to remove all metals and salts before discharge to the Cox's River.

The Angus Place mine extension proposals must be changed so that environmental outcomes are considerably improved. This iconic region with its unique landforms and its clear unpolluted waterways must remain that way.

Yours sincerely,

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