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Mining and Industry Projects
NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission

**Objection to Angus Place Colliery PA06_0021 Modification 4
Pre-emptive development of roadways and headings for LWs 1001 & 1003**

- The Modification 4 proposal should either be refused or its determination deferred until the major mine extension for Angus Place (SSD5602) is accessed and determined by the Planning Assessment Commission .
- Centennial Coal advertised this minor Modification during the exhibition for the major mine extension causing much confusion. So, to be fair - all the submissions to Modification 4 and SSD5602 proposals must be considered in relation to both these proposals.
- This small amount of proposed mining is not needed for continuity of operations at Angus Place, and I oppose this proposal as it pre-empts decision making for the major mine extension proposal under assessment (i.e. SSD5602).
- The proposed first workings being applied for under Modification 4 set up longwall mining of panels 1001 and 1003 that are wider than those previously approved and will lead to more environmental damage in the sensitive Carne Creek catchment than was caused in the Wolgan River catchment.
- Centennial Coal must not be allowed consent for Modification 4 over an area where first workings have already been sought and approved last year in a restricted manner that did not pre-empt decisions on the major extension by the Planning Assessment Commission.
- Centennial Coal seems to be manipulating the planning system to gain a tactical benefit, namely to set the width of the longwalls as a precedent in the sensitive area proposed for future mining under SSD 5602 before the Planning Assessment Commission as considered the major extension proposal.
- 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 did after Centennial Coal wrecked it.
- Centennial Coal is attempting to "lock in" the position of regulatory authorities regarding damaging mining in this sensitive Carne Creek area before the Planning Assessment Commission has decided the matter.
- As Conservation Officer for Blue Mountains Bird Observers, I must highlight and object to the potential damage to bird habitat if this proposal is approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
Yours sincerely,

