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The Department of Planning Environment  
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**Re: Objection to Moorlarban Stage1 Mod 12 & Stage2 Mod 2**

We are writing as concerned landowners and residents from the Hunter Valley area to object to Stage1 Mod 12 and Stage 2 Mod 2 of the Moorlarban coal mine project.

Our reasons for objecting to this proposal are as follows: -

This proposal is an additional mining operation in the Hunter Valley.  
The Hunter Valley cannot with stand any more mining activities, people living and operating sustainable Primary Production farms in this area are facing many challenges.

1. Pollution and destruction of our water sources, - be it rivers, creeks, or underground streams, they are all important resources for agriculture, environment and also for our villages and communities especially the Wollar community. The groundwater modelling is totally inadequate.
2. Moorlarban Mine should not be granted any more modifications. The recent unpredicted highwall collapse at Open Cut 1 has threatened the public road, caused a significant cost to the public and is a major threat to public safety. This is ridiculous that this has been allowed to happen and that the general public is still been disadvantaged by this.
3. The cumulative impacts of noise and dust from the proposed increase of a peak of nine trains daily added to the Hunter coal chain lacks consideration for our health.
4. The impacts of doubling coal extraction from underground mining have not been adequately assessed especially with the cumulative impact of cliff collapse caused by subsidence in the region has not been identified.
5. Approvals do not mean job numbers are guaranteed. Yancoal has just put off 225 people at other Hunter Valley mines

We respectfully ask that you register our objection to this proposal and seriously consider our objections when assessing the appropriateness of this expansion of longwall mining at Moorlarban Mine.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Hunter Moore  
and  
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