

Resource Assessment Team
Department of Planning and Environment
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Submission of Objection

Moorlaben Coal Operations Stage 1 Mod 14, ~~Stage 2 Mod 3~~

My key issues of objection are as follows:

Biodiversity Issues

Should this project go ahead two critically endangered ecological communities will be destroyed. These areas are habitat for 9 threatened bird species and 5 threatened microbat species. There is also loss of potential habitat for Koala, Regent Honeyeater and Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby

The biodiversity offset strategy has not been finalised.

Climate change is an imminent critical threat to the environment, society and the economy.

The proposal to increase coal production to 22 mtpa until 2038 is an unacceptable increase in carbon emissions, including fugitive emissions. These costs have not been assessed

Jobs and job security will not automatically follow an increase in coal production.

Cumulative social impacts have not been assessed. Compliance with noise and dust conditions is based on ongoing purchase of properties that were not afforded acquisition rights in previous approvals.

The Drip Deed Agreement to protect additional areas of land as State Conservation Area has not been met under the agreed timeframe of March 2017.

The increase of water discharge into the Goulburn River to 20 million litres per day will further degrade water quality and cause additional ecological stress to the river. The cumulative impact with Ulan Coal and Wilpinjong Coal Mines already approved mine water discharges will alter the natural flow regime and dump up to 30 tonnes of salt per day into the river system.

Yours Truly

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