

Resource Assessment Team
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Submission of Objection

Moolarben Coal Mine Ref No:17-8711 Mod 14

I am concerned about this modification and its effect on "The Drip"

In 2014 and again more recently the NSW State Government declared its commitment to preserving this special place for future generations.

This modification, if approved, will contribute to the destruction of the health of the river at its headwaters. This in turn will impact on the river at the picnic area, the delightful river walk and the Great Dripping Wall.

Generations of local and visiting children have played safely in the waters on warm summer days. Hikers from far and wide have appreciated the diversions off the paths to rest by the river. Bird and animal lovers gather in the early mornings to spot the native wild life at the river. All this will cease if the river is destroyed by an overload of Salt.

What other potentially dangerous substances could be released in the mine water discharge. These may make the river unfit for recreational purposes and are still to be fully identified.

The proposed increase of water discharge will degrade the water quality and upset the balance of the natural ecology of the river.

With Ulan Coal also discharging their water the cumulative effect will further add to the salt levels and disrupt the natural flow.

There has been no independent study of the cumulative effect of mining on the headwaters of this river. This must happen before any more mining approvals go ahead.

For the sake of future generations please don't approve this latest modification.

Yours Truly

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