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Submission of Objection
Moorlarben Coal Mine Ref No:17-8711 Mod 14

My key issues of objection are as follows:

## **Biodiversity losses:**

Should this project go ahead two critically endangered ecological communities will be destroyed. These areas are habitat for nine threatened bird species and five threatened micro bat species. There is also loss of potential habitat for Koala, Regent Honeyeater and Brush-tailed 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 22mtpa until 2038 is an unacceptable increase in carbon emissions. These costs have not been assessed.

Jobs and Job Security will not automatically follow on from the increase of coal production.

**Cumulative social impacts** have not been assessed. Compliance with noise and dust conditions are not addressed adequately.

**The Drip Deed Agreement** to protect additional areas of land as a State Conservation Area has not been met under the agreed time frame 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 water flow and dump up to 30 tonnes of salt per day into the river system. This is not acceptable.

Please do not approve the modification 14 project.

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