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Content: Proposed Stage 2 expansion of the Moolarben Coal Mine

Thank-you for your invitation to provide feedback on the proposal entitled "Moolarben Mine Stage 2 Project" In today's edition of the Mudgee Guardian

http://www.mudgeeguardian.com.au/news/local/news/general/who-owns-the-drip-the-answer-will-surpriseyou/2460746.aspx

I read with great alarm that the local area known as "The Drip" had been converted from Crown Land to freehold and even worse that the ownership of that area is now in the hands of Moolarben coal mine. "The Drip" is an area of extreme natural beauty and to some extent tranquility. Easily accessed and enjoyed by many visitors each year. A peaceful walk along the banks of the Goulburn River and a swim in the cool waters in summer just one of the possibilities to enjoy. The beauty of the actual drip speaks in soft whispers to those lucky enough to behold the rising escarpment viewed from the gravely riverbed below. The cool waters dripping from the moss covered rocky overhang landing in the bubbling stream of water below which is the Goulburn river, will flow down- stream until it joins the Hunter river near Denman, then onward to Newcastle.

I fear that all this could be lost to the mining juggernaut which is overwhelming the area of Ulan. All they need do is put up a wire fence and hand a `KEEP OUT" sign thereon, and presto !! No more pesky people wondering on their site!

Moolarben coal give their empty assurance that mining is not proposed for the area and further affirm that they are committed to protecting the environment, which is another empty claim.

The scar that Moolarben has quickly become is there in plain sight. Why would any responsible government believe any of their claims given the recent \$70,000 fine imposed on the company. Furthermore Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said in the press release dated 11 August, 2010 that he was not prepared to stand idly by while a breach such as this took place, particularly as it relates to the clearing of endangered vegetation. Well I hope that he will not stand idly by on this matter either.

If ownership of the area "The Drip" has been transferred to Moolarben Coal then this needs to be immediately reversed and the land restored to Crown ownership. This must be done so that future and present generations may enjoy the splendour of this natural wonder.

Kind regards Adrian Moriarty

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Submission for Job: #2371 Stage 2 Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_job&id=2371

Site: #57 Moolarben Mine https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_site&id=57

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