

Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Project

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Objection to the Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 _ Preferred Project Report:
Project No: 08_0135

Dear Sir/Madam

I am lodging an objection to this project.

I am very upset at what is happening to The Drip. I always thought it was part of the Goulburn River National Park. The Moolarben Coal Mine have rejected using The Drip and Corner Gorges as offsets. Why? This area is so beautiful that people have been coming here for many years. It should always be there for people, school children and anyone else who wants to go there.

I am upset at the number of sacred sites of the aborigines that will be destroyed with this mining. We are all Australians and I feel that their churches should be valued and respected as ours are.

It is disturbing that when we are all talking about reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, the Moolarben Coal Mine is going to increase theirs by almost 24 million tonnes per year. I am frightened for the future and for my children and this increase in carbon dioxide should not be happening.

Living in the wonderful town of Gulgong I am dismayed by the changes I see here as a result of the 'mining boom'. Affordable housing no longer exists here as people cannot pay the rents or buy homes that mineworkers can. It is very difficult to make an appointment to see a doctor as the population has grown so much very quickly. The Voluntary Payment Agreement offered to the Mid-Western Regional Council is very cheap compared to the money they will make and does not really cover the cost of repairing the roads that the mines damage with their trucks.

I cannot imagine that the combined effect of three major mines in the area, Ulan, Wilpinjong and Moolarben would not have a significant effect on the water system of the Upper Hunter and the Goulburn Rivers, yet this seems to be overlooked. What else is not properly looked at? the groundwater modelling predicting water impacts is wildly different for the adjacent mines of Moolarben and Ulan.

Please in view of these discrepancies appoint an independent expert panel to sort this out or a Planning Assessment Commission.

Yours sincerely
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