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TO: The Officer in Charge
Mining & Major Industry Projects
Dept of Planning etc....

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to voice my objections to the
Modlarben Coal Complex 2 - (preferred Project Report: ie.

PROJECT NO. 08 - 0135

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Sir/Madam

I am totally horrified, dissapointed, even
enraged, that your department is continuing to ignore requests from
our community, and of course there are many people who do not sign
petitions, but abhor the loss of Biodiversity, the sacred nature of
the 'Drip' section of the Goulburn River, which has already been
impacted upon by 'tailings' from mine operations. The 'drip area'
long a tourist destination known to thousands of people all over
Australia, who have visited, as well as overseas visitors...

Known to the 'locals' as a wonderful picnic area, and of
course to many artists, and the like, again who come from hundreds
of miles, and like to bushwalk, and take their recreation there...

In scientific terms, this offset package fails to include the
cultural and scenically significant river 'corridor' known as I have
mentioned already as 'The Drip' & 'Corner Georges' and no words could
describe the amazing beauty of this area, which needs long-term
protection, and appropriate management and on-going public access.....

Indeed, NO MINING should encroach even within 3 kilometres
and already its bad enough, because the destruction ie clearing of
900 has of native forest is just NOT SUSTAINABLE - ie loss of
habitat ie this corridor of rocks and bushland, river and surrounds
can rival any 'wonder of the world', in its amazing boulder & rock
formations, bird numbers, and other species of flora & fauna found
in 'Box Woodland' -

Biodiversity 'offsets' in the plan are located OUTSIDE
the Hunter Valley Catchment Area, and do NOT represent 'like for like'
besides, what takes hundreds or thousands of years to establish its
beauty of biodiversity, the net loss to the region will be IRREPLACEABLE
NO MAT TER how many introduced trees may or may not be replaced, the
wonder of this region, withx will be 'GONE FOREVER' were this plan to
proceed.....

The amazing and culturally significant Aboriginal sites
148 will be impacted.....

The permanent damage (at least 100 years) to the Goulburn
River and connected groundwater sytem is unacceptable,

* Per annum

(mega-tons)

The plan to extract a further 17mt of coal or 23.7 Million tonnes per year* of CO2 will create still further Climate instability and already we have seen what this can do. in other regions of Australia - we are using this country like some sort of inexhaustible QUARRY - of giant proportions - it is simply unsustainable,

~~There~~ The water for coal-washing should be sourced from Ulan Coal mine surplus groundwater, before additional extraction from the Northern Borefield (adjacent to the Goulburn River.)...

The voluntary payment offered to Mid-Western Council is inadequate \$1.365, is not anywhere near an amount to compensate for such damage. or take counter measures

The increased pressure on housing and services in the Mudgee area has not been assessed.

Excessive NOISE levels due to the conveyor on top of ridge must be sound attenuated, and set lower on the landscape to minimise noise dispersal., however, already the noise levels have impacted on many bird species..... (and other fauna so much part of 'heritage and essential ecological Balance ~~area~~ region such as this requires.

The probably worst aspect of this is the estimated water deficit for 23 or 24 years (up to 1990 ML (MEGA-LITRES))....per annum of water required - that's unsustainable, especially with the world wide climate changes we are now witnessing all around the globe.....!

To conclude, may I appeal to your humanity, how can we not object to this monstrous over-consumption of our natural resources....

There desperately needs to be AN INDEPENDANT STUDY DONE, before we end up with more catastrophies, than will ever be able to fix, no matter how much money is thrown at it.... Look at.. *see Murray!*

Small, sustainable industries could be developed in our region, (wool reprocessing - solar parts, and solar power stations, wind farms, tree-planting, more everywhere, . we must stop thinking that nature is just an inexhaustible resource, to be plundered....., willy nilly. here, we live in a still beautiful region, the Goulburn, with its clear Sandy banks, its wonderful remarkable caves, aboriginal heritage areas, that many tourists, will cram to see, education for children, bush-walkers, bird watchers, the list goes on... Think ECOLOGY, not ECONOMY - because without our natural resources, woodlands, rivers, and biodiversity, to say nothing of the wonder of the natural Rock formations, - these should, and could be part of a National Park, to benefit all, and 'Men of the Trees, and other groups have proven that we need Bush corridors, to help sustain AIR QUALITY - to say nothing of restoring for all who love the bush, and our distinct heritage.....

Thank You,
Sincerely

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PS By INDEPENDANT STUDY, ~~we~~ I MEAN FLORA & FAUNA & BUSHLAND - RIVER QUALITY, IMPACT ON UNDERGROUND STORES BY A BODY OF INDEPENDANT NOT GOVERNMENT OR MINING INTEREST - SCIENTIFIC STUDY.!

(up) *Bartha H. Binn*

(*school motto / motto, etc.*)