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RE: Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 \_ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08\_0135

To whom it may concern:

I wish to lodge my objection to the Moolarben Coal Complex Preferred Project Report (MCC PPR) Stage 2 Project No: 08\_0135.

The main objections to this proposal are as follows:

- The Drip and Corner Gorges, which are culturally and scenically significant, are not included in the offset package. This does not meet needs for long term protection, appropriate management and continuing legal public access. The area is a widely known, appreciated and oft visited, unique iconic place, which should be protected under National Parks status.
- The damage (purported to last 100 years) to the Goulburn river and connected groundwater system is totally unacceptable.
- Strong concerns regarding water usage, estimated total use for 3 current mines in the region is approximately 30-40ML/day (10-12 Gigalitre/annum. For the Moolarben mine alone, usage is estimated to be 10.55ML per day (3850 ML per annum).
- The additional clearing of 900hectares of native forest.
- Environmental footprint on area.
- Biodiversity offsets offered are inadequate and in the wrong location.
- Many cultural and heritage sites impacted.
- The Voluntary Payment Agreement offered to Mid Western Region Council is only \$1.365m and is inadequate.
- Increased pressure on local services and roads, increased traffic, in the local region has not been addressed.

Department of Planning needs to appoint an independent expert panel or Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to fully scrutinise the strategies, assumptions and actions

Yours sincerely,



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