

**Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Mine: Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08\_0135**

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NSW Department of Planning  
To whom it may concern

Please regard this email as my submission regarding the Moolarben Coal Mine: Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08\_0135.

Thanking you,  
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I have had decades of association with this part of the Goulburn River corridor and add my support to the natural and recreational values already well expressed by other experts supporting the conservation of the Drip and Corner Gorges in secure conservation tenure.

The NSW government is responsible for safeguarding the current and future interests of the environment and the community by identifying and mitigating or halting as necessary threatening proposals and processes.

I am very concerned at the content of the above report, and strongly urge the following:

1. Any mining development must not compromise the environmental amenities or services provided by the Goulburn River corridor and surrounding water catchment.
2. Issues not resolved by the above report include unacceptable native vegetation clearance, unsatisfactory groundwater modeling, poor water use and management proposals, the production of climate change gases, habitat compromise and deceptive biodiversity offset proposals.
3. The Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 \_ Preferred Project Report should be examined in detail by an independent panel of appropriately qualified experts regarding the development's environmental and community impacts .
4. The panel's report should be made widely available for public comment and subsequent revision.

I hope for and look forward to the Department's just and responsible action to protect long term environmental amenities and services of the Goulburn River and environs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further comment.

Sincerely  
Deborah Hunter