Sara Wilson - The Drip & Corner Gorges, Goulburn River

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To : Dept Planning - Mining and Major Projects RE: Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 _ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08_0135

Dear Sir/Madam,

It concerns me deeply that the Moolarben Coal Company actually owns The Drip and Corner Gorges of the Goulburn River.

The Drip and Corner Gorges must be made part of the Goulburn River National Park!

The Drip, its walking track and Corner Gorges of the Goulburn River are magnificent and beautiful landforms that are part of our country's culture. They are important for recreational and educational reasons as well. There is also a special site, very significant for aboriginal people.

As part of an **"offset package"** for the damage to local area, Moolarben Coal Company must give the Drip and Corner Gorges to the people of Australia. If it becomes part of the Goulburn River National Park, people will still be able to access this site.

The Moolarben Coal Company is not only causing a huge destructive eyesore to the area, it is damaging valuble groundwater, disturbing the balance of the riparian habitat and causing a huge loss in biodiversity, clearing native forest, destroying archaeological sites.... all in the name of a short-term and polluting way to noisily produce a form of energy that will further increase climate instability. This is **unacceptable**!

An **independent expert panel (PAC)** is needed to fully scrutinise the strategies, assumptions and actions of Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2.

Please do what you can to ensure The Drip and Corner Gorges become part of the Goulburn River National Park.

kind regards,

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