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 OBJECTION TO THE MOOLARBEN COAL COMPLEX STAGE 2 - PREFERRED PROJECT REPORT: PROJECT  
 NO: 08\_0135

We are objecting to the Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 development on a number of issues:

### CLEARING OF LAND AND BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS

The project involves the clearing of over 900 hectares of native forest, including 123 hectares of the endangered ecological community - Box Woodland.

The Biodiversity Offsets to be provided for the project are located away from the Hunter Valley catchment and therefore do not represent like for like.

This will lead to further loss of biodiversity in the Upper Hunter.

'THE DRIP AND CORNER GORGES' - The offset package does not include the environmentally important river corridor known as "The Drip and Corner Gorges". This area must be transferred into the Goulburn River National Park to ensure its appropriate management and protection, and to allow legal public access to this significant recreational, educational and cultural river corridor.

### SITES OF ABORIGINAL SIGNIFICANCE

During the current unprecedented rush to extract the resources in this time of the "mining boom", many sites of aboriginal cultural significance are being destroyed. The Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 could impact on 148 aboriginal cultural sites. These must be protected.

### GOULBURN RIVER AND INTERCONNECTED GROUND WATER

The Goulburn River close to its headwaters has already received significant damage from other open cut pits in the area. The Moolarben Coal Complex

Stage2, will cause damage to the Goulburn River and interconnected ground water systems that will take at least 100 years to resolve.

Any damage to water systems ultimately affects downstream communities, the Goulburn River National Park and farming properties and ultimately the Hunter River, and must not be allowed to take place.

### MOOLARBEN COAL COMPLEX STAGE 2

This project will produce 17 million tonnes of coal which will cause at least 23.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent to be released into the atmosphere, increasing the green-house effect and causing even further climate instability. This threat to the wellbeing of all, must be prevented.

HOUSING & SERVICES (such as medical and hospitals) in Mudgee and surrounding towns and villages are already over-stretched. The proposed project will cause further congestion. This problem needs to be addressed immediately.

### INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL

The Department of Planning should appoint an independent expert panel or Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to fully scrutinise the concerns

outlined above and other matters such as the grossly excessive use of the ground water resources in the area.

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