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To Whom it Might Concern

As a frequent visitor of the Goulburn River National Park, the Drip and Corner Gorges over the last 25 years, I'm concerned with the developments of mining in the area. The Goulburn River have already changed to how it was pre-mining. The level of silt and the flow is visibly different to how the river looked 10 years ago.

The Drip and the Corner Gorges gives the public easy access to the national park from Ulan. Without this access it will be significantly more difficult for people living in Mudgee, Golgong and further west in NSW to access this area. As a resident of Orange that frequently enjoy bush-walking through our different national parks in the western region I find the landscape and the natural environment around Goulburn River unique to anywhere else in the region.

We often see emus, wallabies, kengurus, wombats, snakes and lizards as well as countless birds on our walks along the Goulburn River. Even in the most dry periods I have never seen the river completely dry. The importance's of the constant access to water for animals in this dry country is obvious. I'm afraid that cutting the aquifers might effect the river and its wildlife. So I hope the government will act on the side of cautions when it makes it decision.

I also hope that access to the public will be granted. And most of all that the Drip and the Corner Gorges will be interoperated in Goulburn River National Park.

Yours Sincerely,

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