

## Sara Wilson - Objection to Project No 08-0135

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Dept of Planning – Mining and Major Projects

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge an objection to this project being approved. A document relating to this is attached.

Yours faithfully,  
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To: Dept of Planning – Mining and Major Projects

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to **strongly** object to the approval of this project. My reasons for objecting are as follows:

1. This project includes an area which has significant cultural and heritage values to the region. This area is called The Drip and Corner Gorge, a section along the Goulburn River. It is a well known area to the locals, and a popular tourist site for the region. On a smaller scale it is as equally important to the Mudgee region as the 3 Sisters is to the Blue Mountains. It ranks as the major eco-attraction in the Mudgee region. You will see picnickers or walkers in this area on almost any day of the year. Eco-tour guides frequently visit this area. Converting this area to freehold title and allowing a mining company to destroy this area should be prevented at all costs. The area must be included in the adjacent national park or as a biodiversity offset for all future generations to admire.
2. The Drip and Corner Gorge by their very nature require the availability of water in the natural environment. Moolarben Coal must be prevented from pumping water from the Northern Borefield of their lease to allow the water table to remain at its present level. There is ample water available as excess water from the adjacent Ulan Coal Mine, which can be used for their requirements. The area consists mostly of sandstone, and as you know, underground water flows easily through sandstone, so any extraction of water will affect a large area.
3. This area is a major aboriginal site. It is one of the few areas that has an important significance to aboriginal women.
4. The accelerating extraction of coal is having an increasing impact on global warming. It has been scientifically proven that burning coal and the resultant carbon dioxide is the major cause of global warming. The effects of global warming are well documented, and are being noticed at this early stage of warming. Carbon dioxide remains in the atmosphere for on average 100 years, so this coal extraction will have impacts on several generations to come. The only way to prevent coal from affecting the planet is to leave it in the ground.

Yours Faithfully



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