

**Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 \_ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08\_0135**

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Dear Department of Planning

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

I am writing to object to the MCC PPR Stage 2 Plan and to ask that The Drip and Corner Gorges be transferred into the Goulburn River National Park. Please ensure that the NSW Government will protect and manage this regionally significant river corridor, and retain it in public ownership.

The offset package outlined in the MCC PPR Stage 2 Plan does not include The Drip and Corner Gorges and their protection needs to be secured.

The biodiversity offsets are located outside the Hunter Valley catchment and do not represent 'like for like'; they do not replace the net loss to the bioregion of the east-west vegetation corridor connecting the coastal forest to the western woodlands.

Further, I am very concerned about the use of our water resources by the coal mines and the permanent damage they will do to the Goulburn River and connected groundwater system. I have no confidence that the groundwater modelling accurately predicts water impacts; there are even significant disparities between the Moolarben and Ulan Coal Mine groundwater assessments.

The coal mining boom runs the risk of causing major long-term devastation to the catchment and waterways of the region and I believe it is unacceptable that the Goulburn River should be used for coal washing.

I ask that the Department of Planning appoint an independent expert panel to fully scrutinise the strategies, assumptions and actions of the Moolarben and Ulan mining operations.

Regards  
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