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I refer to the MCC PPR stage 2 ,project no:08_o135.

The fact that the area which includes 'The Drip' and the Corner Gorge is in the hands of Moolarben Coal (Yancoal) is yet another instance of the mindless way this country is being sold off to global corporations. The severe damage done by present longwall and open cut mining practices will not be able to be remediated, and this old and beautiful country, which belongs to all of us. will end up being a clapped out old quarry inhabited by cane toads – even these will die out once water goes.

Given the expansion of global capitalist production processes this continual destruction may not be stoppable unless there is a more sophisticated analysis of the current approach to extractive industries. We may finally end up being forced to have what could be deemed an 'Australian Spring' and amend an archaic Constitution and the legislation which prioritises mining above everything else.

There is a strong need for substantive new climate law whereby old legislation cannot knee-cap public litigation cases when attempts are made to control coal mining and other unsustainable industries such as CSG.

The control of CO2 emissions cannot only be addressed by way of scope 1,2,and 3 EA requirements, or by intergenerational equity and other principles–these are mostly weak attempts to control a situation which is out of control–what we have created is a dangerous CO2 overload whereby even oceans are being acidified–the complex global affects of this overload scientifically researched and verified.

In order to deal more professionally with the Moolarben issue we ask the Planning Department to appoint an independent PAC committee. and set up protection for The Drip and the Corner Gorge by transferring them to the Goulburn River National Park.

It is time for the old corrupt planning practices of the previous government to be buried.

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