

**Sara Wilson - Objection to the Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 - Project No: 08\_0135**

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Dear Sir

I would like to object to the Moolarben Coal project 08\_0135 for the following reasons:

- The offset package fails to include the culturally and scenically significant river corridor known as The Drip and Corner Gorges securing its long term protection, appropriate management and on going public access.
- Clearing of over 900 has of native forest (123ha EEC Box Woodland).
- Biodiversity offsets are located outside the Hunter Valley catchment, do not represent 'like for like' nor replace the net loss to the bio-region
- 148 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites are likely to be impacted
- Production 17Mt coal or 23.7 Million tonnes (co<sub>2</sub><sup>-e</sup>) year of Greenhouse Gases fueling further climate instability
- The permanent damage (at least 100 years) to the Goulburn River and connected groundwater system is unacceptable
- No confidence that the groundwater modelling accurately predicts water impacts - there are significant disparities between Moolarben and Ulan Coal Mines groundwater assessments.
- Water balance indicates approximately 3850 ML/annum of water required (10.55ML/day)
- Water deficit for 23 of 24 years (up to 1990ML extra water required)

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Yours sincerely

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