

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

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To whom it may concern

Please see my objections to complex stage 2 below

The impacts on the highly significant area known as 'the Drip' are totally unacceptable. High level seepages will affect 'the drip' - a highly valuable and rare ecosystem that should be of national significance for its scenic and cultural values.

- The Drip and Corner Gorges must be included in the offset package. As stated earlier this ancient, unique, river corridor area must be included in the Goulburn River National Park and must be protected from the impacts of mining, now and always.
- The government should reverse the former conversion from Crown Lease to freehold title that has endangered the Drip immediately. The company was previously asked by community, council and government (OEH & Planning) to include The Drip and Corner Gorges in its proposed "offset package" as partial compensation for loss of biodiversity, riparian habitat and community amenity but this has not happened.
- The air quality in this report does not address the most dangerous emissions. It is the particles PM_{2.5} parts per million and less that are especially dangerous to our health because they are small enough to pass from the lungs into the blood stream but still have hundreds of chemicals within them. These particles are created by mining.
- Yet another large contribution to global climate instability and air pollution.
- This mine will make significant contribution to moderate exceedances in operational noise, for those that live and holiday in the area and for the fauna in the nearby national park.
- Ground water below the surface in creeks is entirely missing from the report either as a measure or as an acknowledge important environmental value. The report lacks an understanding of the water systems that operate here.
- Further pollution and damage to the Goulburn River is totally unacceptable, but has been part of the practice of this mine, and can only be expected in the future.
- True rehabilitation, or new habilitation with a bio diverse environments has not been achieved to date by mining companies in the district and they need to

acknowledge this. What safe guards, what recompense is possible at the end of a mining operation when waste land is left behind.

- It is most likely that Long wall mining with over 100 m of land above it will suffer land collapses and damage to the water systems.
- The cumulative effects of this mine and the very many others mining operated or proposed in its vicinity will cause depleted tourism , reduced air quality, excessive noise and the removal of fauna habitat. These mines, all with ramped up targets for production must be checked. It is not acceptable or sensible to look any at one mine's operation in isolation.

I look forward to reply, please feel free to contact as required.

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