

**Sara Wilson - MCC PPR Stage2 The Drip and Corner Gorges**

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I wish to lodge my objections to the Moolarben Coal Complex as a citizen who seeks regular respite from the city at the Goulburn River Stone Cottages ("Gleniston" - Mudgee).

It is hard to believe that the massive and awe-inspiring rock formations, which form the Drip and Corner Gorges, have not been deemed significantly important to be included in the Goulburn River National Park; it is an oversight of monumental proportions – both literally and figuratively - if only that it fails to compensate the public for the enormous damage caused by mining and the noise to neighbouring properties.

However it is a much bigger issue that mere compensation to keep people happy; these rock formations belong to all who walk this planet, both now and always, and not to any mining company or any other private enterprise. They must remain part of the national estate, not only for all to enjoy but also, for the fundamental reason of protecting as much of the planet as possible. To that end, the very least this generation can do is to be good custodians of as much of the land as possible; to preserve and protect it.

These majestic rock formations must, at the very least, be included in the Goulburn River National Park. This is a moral obligation we all share.

Margaret Hope  
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