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Mining and Major Industry Projects  
Dept of Planning and Infrastructure  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to the Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 \_ Preferred Project Report:  
Project No: 08\_0135

Being a mother with young children I am very concerned at what is happening to our planet. I believe the 99 per cent of climate scientists who warn us that we are on a very dangerous course. Yet approval can be given to Moolarben Coal Mine to contribute over 23 million tonnes per annum of carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere. This is extremely worrying.

I am also concerned about the housing shortage in Mudgee as a result of the influx of well-paid coalminers. I pay rent and face an uncertain future if I am forced out - cheap affordable rent is non-existent now. Also there has been no increase in the number of GPs in Mudgee to cope with the extra population. There is no mention in the Moolarben Coal proposal as to how this increased pressure on accommodation and services will be solved.

Likewise the Voluntary Payment Agreement of \$1.365million offered to Mid-Western Regional Council is totally inadequate. Road repairs alone cost an enormous amount.

My family sometimes go to The Drip so I was shocked to learn that it is now owned by Moolarben Coal Mine. This is outrageous. I always thought it was part of the Goulburn River National Park, as it should be. That such an area not be protected from mining and its effects is absolutely scandalous. It should never have been part of the Moolarben exploration lease, and steps should be taken immediately to give it full protection status and permanent public access.

I know there are many other issues involved with this project which I do not fully understand. As the approval authority, the Department of Planning needs to appoint a Planning Assessment Commission or an independent panel of experts to really examine this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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