

**Sara Wilson - Submission to protect the Goulburn River catchment: Project No: 08\_0135**

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Dear Minister

re: Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 \_ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08\_0135

This is a submission to register my objection to the MCC PPR Stage 2 plan. I request that the Drip and Corner Gorges to be transferred into the Goulburn River National Park to ensure the long term protection and appropriate management and legal public access to this regionally significant recreational, educational and cultural river corridor.

Having walked along the length of the Goulburn river and spent many happy days picnicking on it with my children and friends, I can assure you that the Goulburn River and its catchment is a unique and special place. To hear that is under threat by short-term interests who have no understanding of its environmental values or why these kinds of areas need to be protected is very distressing.

I would urge you to experience the river for yourself. Walk on it, hear the lyre birds, follow the animal tracks in the sand. Perhaps then you will understand why this catchment **MUST** be protected. If this area is lost it can never be replaced.

Sincerely

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 "The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty.  
 The activist is the man who cleans up the river." - Ross Perot  
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