



PCU030923

The Badger Ground,
482 Breakfast Creek Road,
Rylstone, N.S.W. 2849

16th February, 2012

TO: Mining and Major Industry Projects,
Dept. of Planning & Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39
Sydney 2001

Department of Planning
Received

22 FEB 2012

Scanning Room

RE: Objection to the Moorlarben Coal Complex Stage 2-
Preferred Project Report: Project No : 080135

I wish to lodge my objection to the above proposal, for many reasons. In context, this proposal is just one of an everincreasing number of applications for mining exploration, and extensions to existing mines, in the region in which we live. The impact on everyone living here is starting to take its toll, and is, perhaps, unmeasurable.

My reasons for objecting include:

1. It involves the clearing of over 900h of native forest (123 h EEC Box Woodland).
2. Biodiversity offsets are located outside the Hunter Valley catchment, do not represent "like for like", nor replace the net loss of the bio-region.
3. 148 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites are likely to be impacted.
4. The offset package fails to include the culturally and scenically significant river corridor known as "The Drip" and Corner Gorges securing its longterm protection, appropriate management and on-going public access.
5. The permanent damage (at least 190 years) to Goulburn River and connected underground water systems is unacceptable.
6. No confidence that the groundwater modelling accurately predicts water impacts- there are significant disparities between Moorlarben and Ulan Coal Mines groundwater assessments.
7. Water balance indicates approximately 3850ML/annum of water is required (10.55ML/day).
8. Water deficit for 23 of 24 years (up to 1990ML extra water) is required.
9. The increased pressure on housing and services in the Mudgee area has not been addressed.

2.

10. Department of Planning really needs to appoint an independent expert panel or Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to fully scrutinise the strategies, assumptions and actions.
11. Excessive noise levels due to the location of the conveyer on top of the ridge. This must be sound attenuated and set lower on the landscape to minimise noise dispersion.
12. The Voluntary Payment Agreement offered to MWRC is only \$1.365m and is inadequate.

Please can our objections be truly listened to.

Respectfully,

Susan Pridmore

Susan A. Pridmore