Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2_Preferred Project Report: Project No. 08-0135

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We strongly object to The Drip and Corner Gorges being converted to freehold title and being now fully owned by the Moolarben Coal Mine (80% Yancoal). Once again it becomes necessary for the public to point out to the NSW government that its interests should reflect those of the people of the state and not foreign-owned mining companies.

The unique Drip and Corner Gorge MUST become part of the adjoining Goulburn River National Park to ensure the long term protection and appropriate management of and legal public access to this regionally significant recreational, educational and cultural river corridor.

The permanent damage to the area, use of the valuable water resource, clearing of native forest, noise and general disturbance created by mining is totally unacceptable.

As a member of a bird watching group we travel frequently to The Drip and Corner Gorge to check on the variety and number of birds to be found in this small area left available to them after the depredations of the mining companies in the district. It is the habitat of the ENDANGERED regent honey eater and many other diminishing species.

I and my husband (undersigned) urge you to separate this area and add it to the Goulburn River National Park before any further destruction of our unique and beloved environment occurs.

regards Veronica Burns and Tony Macdougall

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I am writing to express my strong objection to the above expansion. The damage to the landscape and underground water system, the air polution as well as the disruption to traffic is completely unacceptable.

Veronica Burns