

Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2

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Dear Sir/Madam

Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2

I wish to lodge objections to the Preferred Project Report on the abovementioned mine extension proposal.

Firstly, the iconic river corridor, known as the Drip and Corner Gorges, are not being protected by inclusion in the adjoining Goulburn River National Park. This culturally and scenically significant area must be provided with long term management and public access. This popular tourist destination must be preserved for public enjoyment and cultural conservation.

Secondly, the amount of water required for this mine will lead to a large deficit in the local groundwater system for the entire life of the mine. Water for coal washing should be sourced from the Ulan Coal Mine surplus groundwater before any extraction adjacent to the Goulburn River is attempted. This area cannot support the water needs of this proposed extension, particularly as the established mines are already drawing so heavily.

I trust my concerns will be given due consideration by this department.

Yours sincerely

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