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Due Friday 24 Feb 2012
Send submissions to:
Email: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my objection to the Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2,
Project No:08 _ 0135.

At the local scale, I do so with the experience of walking downstream of "the Drip" last year to see the impact of the floods made worse by the destruction of upstream water storing aquifers. The river had gouged deeply through peat beds long-term residents had never seen before. This section of the Goulburn is so outstanding yet water quality is diminished and swimming there is nowhere near as pleasant as in the pre mining past. There is no offset that justifies the further degradation of this extraordinary gorge landscape.

The destruction of more of the endangered ecological box woodland community represents more incremental erosion of natural heritage that leaves remnants more vulnerable to local extinction.

At the global scale I am really distressed by the acceleration of coal extraction. We know about climate change and we know we must get out of coal. We should be exercising restraint and rationing this resource rather than getting rid of it for the very short term gain.

Yours faithfully,

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