Sara Wilson - Submission Against moolarben Coal complex Stage 2

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To Dept of Planning- Mining and Major Projects Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2_ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08_0135

I wish to strongly object to the MCC PPR Stage 2 plan and I call for the Drip and Corner Gorges to be transferred into the Goulburn River National Park. This is the only way to ensure protection and appropriate management to this regionally significant river corridor. Also legal public access to this important cultural area will then be assured.

The Goulburn River and contributing waterways are being been severely impacted on by Moolarben and other mines close by with an estimated cumulative water use of approximately 30-40ML/day and this must lead to permanent damage to the river and groundwater system.

The clearing of an extra 900ha of native forest including 123ha of Box Woodland an Endangered Ecological Community and a disturbance footprint of 1546ha adds weight to the fact that approving this mine will have unjustifiable impacts

I request that the Dept of Planning appoints an independent expert panel or PACt to fully assess the ramifications of this mine extension.

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