

Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 _ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08_0135

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I strongly object to this project.

The company was asked by community, council and government (OEH & Planning) to include The Drip and Corner Gorges in its proposed “offset package” as partial compensation for loss of biodiversity, riparian habitat and community amenity but rejected the proposal. It should be added to the Goulburn Rivers National Park.

The Department of Planning must at the very least appoint an independent expert panel to assess this project.

The company does not seem to understand that there a triple bottom line that they must operate from. Biodiversity offsets are located outside the Hunter Valley catchment, do not represent “like for like” nor replace the net loss to the bio-region or the east west vegetation corridor connecting the coastal forest to the western woodlands.

The impact of clearing Endangered Ecological Communities must be considered cumulatively on a subcatchment basis. The coal mining boom has caused major devastation to the catchment with the Ulan, Wilpinjong and Moolarben Stage 1 mega mines.

Yours sincerely,
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