Sara Wilson - Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2

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Subject: Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2

RE; Moolarben Coal Complex Stage 2 _ Preferred Project Report: Project No: 08 0135

I wish to lodge my personal objections to the Moolarben Stage 2 Project

I strongly object to the sale of crown land to foreign ownership. Part of this land is a national icon that should have been part of the original Goulburn River National Park

There should be enquiry held as to how this occurred without regional notice -

Also -

- The offset package fails to include the culturally and scenically significant river corridor known as The Drip and Corner Gorges securing its long term protection, appropriate management and on going public access.
- The permanent damage (at least 100 years) to the Goulburn River and connected groundwater system is unacceptable
- Mine disturbance footprint of 1546 ha of native vegetation including 4.1 kms of Murragamba creek, 4.1 kms of eastern creek
- Clearing of over 900 has of native forest (123ha EEC Box Woodland).
- Biodiversity offsets are located outside the Hunter Valley catchment, do not represent 'like for like' nor replace the net loss to the bio-region
- 148 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites will be impacted
- Production 17Mt coal or 23.7 Million tonnes (co2-e) year of Greenhouse Gases fueling further climate instability

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