

Please accept my objection to the Maxwell underground Coal Mine proposal by Malabar Coal. The reasons for my objection include:

1. Ground water: The company does not explain the underground aquifer/aquifers it might sever during underground work. You will be aware that Dartbrook Mine severed an Aquifer, resulting in them having to compensate people whose water supply stopped, due to their actions. The company should have this information before they proceed. The 'IESC-2018-098 Maxwell project extension' report must surely set off alarm bells. This report to the 'decision makers' details the lack of knowledge & understanding the company has re. its groundwater interference. It explains the company are even wrong with their current estimates of aquifer levels, underestimates of subsidance, river pollution, etc, etc. I am sure that you have already read this document.

2. Green House Gasses. I could not find in the EIS any reference to the analysis giving the Methane content of the the four coal seams they wish to mine. Without this information, it is impossible to correctly quantify the GHG emissions. Without this information they cannot explain the CO2 equivalents being vented nor fugitive emissions from exposed coal. You will be aware that ACARP explains that the average underground coal mine vents 1kg of methane per second. At this point in time I think it would be unwise to approve another very risky coal mine in a valley that is already feeling the effects of Climate Change. If this mine is approved the company must have enough money in reserve to compensate all the residents of the Hunter Valley for future extreme weather events. I also suggest that the people who approve this application must also take responsibility for the decisions they make.

Thank you for your time. Kaye Monro.