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Dear Sir/Madam,

I welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed Cobbora Coal Project expansion. The project appears to be completely at odds with Australia's strategy to mitigate the effects of climate change. Our energy and funding should be directed towards the development of clean, renewable energy, not the outdated coal industry.

**In summary, I am strongly opposed to the Cobbora Coal Project for the following reasons:**

1. Cobbora Coal project is inappropriate investment of \$3.4 billion of NSW taxpayers' money
2. The project justification is based on outdated electricity demand and coal price projections
3. The project will generate additional greenhouse gas emissions conflicting with State and Federal policy to reduce climate change impacts
4. The project will disturb approx 47km<sup>2</sup> of land with important high conservation and agricultural value
5. The project will destroy 1,867ha of significant woodland providing habitat for 39 threatened species, including nationally listed endangered species
6. The project will destroy significant Aboriginal cultural heritage sites
7. The project will compete with the Mudgee wine and tourism industry for water supply during drought conditions

Thank you for your time in reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
**George Dionyssopoulos**  
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