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Dear Sir,

I am writing this submission as I am objecting to the Cobbora Coal project you are currently looking at.

I am a member of the Nature Conservation Council. I live in the Blue Mts. and appreciate the beauty of nature and realise the importance of protecting our land now and for the future.

There are many environmental impacts such as the destruction of woodlands, loss of agricultural land, damage to groundwater resources and desecration of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites that will occur if the Cobbora coal project goes ahead.

This project will be a state-owned coal mine that will cost taxpayers more than \$3 billion, destroy nearly two thousand hectares of wildlife habitat, and provide half-priced coal to our state's polluting power stations for more than 20 years.

The Cobbora coal mine, if built, will provide heavily subsidised coal to six large coal fired power stations, locking in decades of carbon pollution, and delaying investment in clean, renewable energy. This mine proposal is environmentally destructive and fiscally irresponsible. I would prefer to see the NSW Government spent this money on schools, health and public transport?

I urge the planning committee to think seriously about this project. I hope you will not allow it to proceed.

Yours sincerely

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