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Dear Sir

Cobbora Coal Project

I am a resident of Epping, retired and involved in a range of community projects. I have a deep concern for the community now and into the future, and I thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

I am very concerned by this project for a number of reasons , but my principal objection is that this sort of development flies in the face of World-wide reality about the future of fossil fuels. We must urgently replace fossil fuels with renewable clean energy if we are to be responsible stewards of our one planet. The move to renewable energy is underway around the world and we in Australia are the dinosaurs now, we are being rapidly left behind, hopelessly hooked on coal.

More specifically

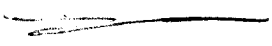
- the project is based on outdated demand and price projections
- it will be a very bad investment of more than \$3billion dollars of **OUR** money
- it will reward big, bad polluters rather than discourage them
- the additional greenhouse gases emitted will be at odds with Government policy to reduce Climate change impacts (for what it's worth...)

Apart from this there are the following local objections to this project. It will:

- disturb nearly 50sqkm of land with high conservation and agricultural value
- destroy significant woodland and habitat for 39 threatened species including nationally listed ones
- destroy Aboriginal cultural heritage sites
- compromise local wine and tourism industries

I find it difficult to comprehend that a Government could be so short-sighted and facile in its thinking. I trust that the objections being raised by many will be considered seriously, and that this process is much more than mere consultative tokenism. Please think deeply now about the whole future, not just a few brief years.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.


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