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Dear Sir,

Re: Cobbora Coal Project
Application no: 10_0001



I would like my OBJECTION to the proposed large open-cut coalmine at Cobbora near Gulgong to be recorded by your Department. We do not need more coalmines. Mudgee is already affected by huge coalmines between Ulan and Bylong. If the project goes ahead the beautiful woodlands at Cobbora will be destroyed and the environment will take decades or more to recover, if it ever does. Now that most of us accept that Climate Change is upon us, surely taxpayers money should be directed to produce renewable energy, not invested in a coalmine of very poor quality coal, with high ash content. The Cobbora mine will cost taxpayers of NSW a fortune for little return just when our own government is trying to find savings in many other areas. But most important among all issues is our irresponsible attitude towards water. The Cobbora Mine will divert huge quantities of water from the Cudgong River when we know we are probably reverting to another drought period. This water is ours for survival, not to supply coal to power stations in the Upper Hunter and the Central Coast.

I implore the NSW government to think again about the future of our rivers and instead consider renewable energies as an alternative to our energy needs.

Yours faithfully,

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