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Dear Sir/Madam,

I welcome the opportunity to comment on and **object to** the proposed Cobbora coal project east of Dubbo NSW.

I have concerns about yet another coal mine proposal that is being pushed for approval despite there being issues that have not been properly attended to.

- I. There is no effective argument for continuing with coal-fired electricity when compared to the long-term benefits of investing in renewable energy sources.
- II. There is no justification for the clearing of 1,959ha of woodland habitat especially when the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System in California only requires 1416ha to produce power for 140 000 homes.
- III. The Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System in California cost just \$2.2 billion and based on approx \$3.4 billion for the Cobbora coal project it would save NSW taxpayers \$1.2 billion and the earth a whole lot of carbon dioxide.
- IV. The preferred project report does not identify a final offset package for the ecological footprint of the mine as its size is too great and cannot be adequately offset.
- V. There has been no justification provided for the increase to 4,340 ML per year in water demand for the mining operations from the previous prediction of 3,700 ML per year.
- VI. There has been no adequate assessment of the increased pump rate and access to higher natural flows from the Cudgegong River.

Yours sincerely,



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