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Major Planning Assessments Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 Sydney 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Objection to the Cobbora coal mine

I am a resident of Edgecliff in Sydney's eastern suburbs. I welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

The economic assessment of the project and response to submissions has not adequately addressed the cost of a state-owned coal mine to the taxpayers of NSW.

Given that NSW taxpayers are liable for something like \$3 billion over the next decade or so, I'd rather see the money go to close down the coal generators that would be dependent on the Cobbora mine. They'll be entitled to compensation, but the compensation should be used to buy them out and shut them down.

Coal is out. Renewables are the future. Let's go there.

Kind regards,

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