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Submission of Objection

Integra Mine Complex Modification 4
Biodiversity Offset Strategy
08_0101 MOD 4 and 08_0102 MOD 4

Dear Ms Donnelly,

Hunter Environment Lobby Inc. (HEL) is a regional community-based environmental organisation that has been active for over 20 years on the issues of environmental degradation, species and habitat loss, and climate change.

HEL wishes to object to the proposed Integra Mine Complex Modification 4 for a number of reasons:

1. The current Biodiversity Offset Strategy was approved to offset the loss of two endangered ecological communities (EEC):
 - Central Hunter Ironbark-Spotted Gum-Grey Box Forest EEC
 - Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest EEC
2. The proposed revised area of Biodiversity Offset at Appletree Flat does not contain either of these EECs.
3. The current Biodiversity Offset Strategy was approved to offset the loss of habitat for nine threatened species listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*
4. None of these species have been recorded on the proposed offsite Biodiversity Offset at Appletree Flat

5. The Integra Mine Complex has recently announced that it is an uneconomical operation and has moved into care and maintenance
6. The proposal does not provide information on how the figure of \$6.2 billion worth of resource, purportedly being sterilized by the western offset and supplementary offset areas, was arrived at

HEL does not consider that the Integra Mine Complex Modification 4 is justified and should not be approved.

This submission will be followed up with additional information within the next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jan Davis
President