

Brendan Liew - Submission of objection

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Subject: Submission of objection

Dear Sir,

Object strongly to the modification to the Wilpinjong coal mine project (05-0021 MOD 5). My reasons for this objection follow in point form.

- Previous model predictions for environmental impacts of mine proven to be inaccurate.
- Poor history of mine rehabilitation practices eg Invasive species such as Rhodes Grass have been introduced, proposal will destroy 20 ha area identified for regeneration in original conditions.
- Poor consideration of cumulative environmental and social impacts with adjacent Moolarben and Ulan mines
- Negative socio-economic impacts on Wollar community not adequately considered – ongoing loss of neighbours and social support system, stranded assets (unable to sell properties), ongoing noise, dust, pollution from spontaneous combustion.
- Up to 20 train movements per day
- All coal trains should be covered
- Very poor quality coal – large environmental footprint of mine – no justification given for need to access to additional 3 million tonnes.
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Biodiversity – An additional 52 ha woodland and grassland including 10.6ha federally listed critically endangered ecological community (CEEC) will be destroyed.
- Proposed biodiversity offset for CEEC only 4:1 – not adequate ratio
- 116 native fauna species recorded in area of impact including 9 threatened species (5 birds and 4 bat species)
- Aboriginal cultural heritage – 17 sites, scar tree and area of cultural association will be impacted.

And on top of ALL that there are a number of negative socio-economic impacts on Wollar community not adequately considered – ongoing loss of neighbours and social support system, stranded assets (unable to sell properties), ongoing noise, dust, pollution from spontaneous combustion.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Lawsen.