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Brendan. It has come to our attention that there are intrinsic risks related to the Wilpinjong extension. Firstly the noise and spontaneous combustion impacts at the mine are not currently properly managed or regulated. This is important as it is endemic in the industry and if further extensions are requested then the very least the community and ultimately the legal system requires is that the company in question abides by current conditions to operate. This must be addressed before any further consideration to expansion is considered.

Secondly the assessment we believe does not address cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community . Social impact has far ranging problems and this was found in the Bulga case recently where precisely the same scenario was central to the court proceedings. Local community cohesion must rate as a real factor in deciding mine extension plans. If this is not seriously considered then this has dire consequences for all regions particularly more remote rural communities in NSW. It is a pandora's box where once the genie is out of the bottle for rural communities then a precedence is set. This is a most critical point.. protection of the rural character in NSW. Wollar is a real example of this. Please consider these most important issue when deliberating on the "value" of affording Wilpinjong an extension.

Yours sincerely Michael Campbell on behalf of Australian Coal Alliance Wyong.