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Wilpinjong Coal Mine Modification 6
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Dear Sir,

We would like to lodge an objection to the latest modification by Wilpinjong coal mine. As a local landholder and tourism business we have been adversely affected by the noise and dust, pressure on local infrastructure roads and increased traffic by the Wilpinjong CM and other mines in the Ulan Wollar area. In addition it is against all the evidence provided by the worlds scientific community that warn against increasing coal extraction instead we should be implementing an orderly reduction of our dependence on fossil carbon.

In summary:

1. Long and short term affects on the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater in the Goulburn River system and its resilience to flooding, drought and higher evaporation rates.
2. The extraction of ROM coal from 15 Mt/a to 16 Mt/a with associated overburden production has not been adequately assessed for noise, dust, blasting and spontaneous combustion impacts.
2. There is no evidence that the spontaneous combustion events at the mine have been reported under the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007*
3. Current noise, dust and spontaneous combustion odour impacts are not adequately managed or regulated with existing operations.
4. Wilpinjong Mine has not completed the new plans of management for Modification 5 approved in February 2014.
5. The assessment does not consider cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community which includes the loss of the Wollar BFB and purchasing of farming land and reduced local business and social diversity.
6. The cumulative mining impacts in Mid Western Regional Council area including ongoing loss of community and social cohesion has not been assessed.
7. The economic benefits have not been adequately assessed or justified.

Yours faithfully,

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