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Major Project Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Wilpiniong Coal Mine Modification 6
Ref No: MP 05_0021 MOD 6
Submission for the above modification — OBJECTION

As a resident of NSW I wish to lodge my objection to the Wilpiniong Coal Mine Modification 6 for the following reasons:

1. The assessment does not consider cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community:
 - Ongoing acquisition of properties. Peabody Energy is now the largest landholder
 - Loss of Wollar Bushfire Brigade – increased vulnerability to emergencies
 - Loss of families attending the local school
 - Distortion of property market
2. The operation of the mine is not managing spontaneous combustion under current approvals. (Schedule 3 Condition 16). Offensive odour emissions from the mine are interfering with the comfort of the local community.
3. The proposal will cause greater noise impacts through the addition of 3 more D11 dozers to the mining fleet. The simultaneous operation of four full mining fleets 24 hours, 7 days per week is already causing sleep disturbance and annoyance.
4. The Industrial Noise Policy does not protect the health of the Wollar community.
5. The extraction of 16 million tonnes per year of coal and increased movement of overburden will generate more dust. Residences in Wollar have coal dust coating internal surfaces so must be breathing in this dust. The detrimental health impacts of coal dust are well documented.
6. The assessment does not consider impacts of speeding mine traffic through the district threatening safety of local drivers and children in the village.