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Subject: Submission Re: Wilpinjong Coal Mine Modification 6 Ref No: MP 05_0021 MOD 6 : Object
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1. Major Project Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
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I Mary Thirlwall, resident of the Central West Region, Address: 2257 Glen Rd Capertee Valley 2846 , do object to the MP05_0021 MOD 6 Proposal. I have grave concerns for this country , in particular this part of NSW, where Mining is taking precedence over everything else -agriculture, water, health & not to forget our environment & landscapes. We have reached a point of total imbalance & it is time to consider the FACTS & to be AWARE of the devastation we are causing & irreparable damage. It is time to find new industries, move away from fossil fuels & begin to have a vision for the future which does not entail short term vision for money alone, but an intelligent plan to move forward in sustainable ways. Before we become the laughing stock & Dinosaurs of the world ! Otherwise the legacy we leave behind for future generation will be totally unforgivable. For all these reasons & those stated below, the proposal should be rejected. Thankyou for the opportunity to comment.

1. 1.The proposal to further increase extraction of Run of Mine coal from 15 million tonnes per annum to 16 million with additional overburden production has not been adequately assessed for noise, dust, blasting and spontaneous combustion impacts
1. 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*
1. 3. Current noise, dust and spontaneous combustion odour impacts are not adequately managed or regulated with existing operations
1. 4. Wilpinjong Mine has not completed the new plans of management for Modification 5 approved in February 2014
1. 5. The assessment does not consider cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community. Peabody Energy now owns about 70% of all property in the district and has distorted the property market:
 - Ongoing acquisition of properties
 - Loss of Wollar Bushfire Brigade - increased vulnerability to emergencies
 - Loss of families attending the local school
1. 6.The cumulative mining impacts in Mid Western Regional Council area including ongoing loss of community and social cohesion has not been assessed