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Submission of Objection to Wilpinjong Coal Mine Modification 6 Ref No: 05\_0021 Mod 6

1. The noise, dust, blasting, and spontaneous combustion impacts of this mine's proposal to increase extraction of Run of Mine coal from 15 million tonnes per annum to 16 million tonnes per annum has not been fully assessed.
2. The assessment has disregarded the cumulative social impacts on the Wollar community. The property market in the district has been totally distorted by the fact that Peabody Energy owns approximately 70% of all properties. The Wollar Rural Fire Service ( a volunteer organisation ) is now defunct, leading to increased vulnerability to the emergencies which frequently occur in isolated rural communities.
3. The *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* requires that spontaneous combustion events be reported. There is no evidence that the Wilpinjong Mine has been doing this.
4. This expansion will increase the world's production of greenhouse gases by a significant amount, both in the production of the coal and in its eventual combustion.

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