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I wish to state that I object to the proposal based upon the following facts/issues:

1. Water Issues: We live on the driest continent on the planet. At this time of human history on the planet Earth, when climate change with associated hotter temperatures, environmental/ecology issues and declining rainfall (hence less available water for practical purposes e.g. farming for food) - the water that will end up at this mine site has not only been wasted as originally pure water from its original source from the Western Blue Mountains and away from original resourcefulness to people/farms in this area - but also...
2. As it arrives at its ultimate destination at the proposed mining site as salty water, contaminated and polluted from its use in waste water from the coal washing preparation facility at Mt Piper Power Station - it will contaminate the mine site and surrounding farm areas, once again, making it useless for farming.
3. Lastly, but certainly not least, is the burial of upper reaches of the Belubula River by contaminated mine tailing containing elevated levels of heavy metalloids.

This, plus the fact that this is to happen where the source of the Belubula river springs from ultimately means contamination of those very springs ~~an~~ which ultimately means contamination of the very river itself.

I have experience of natural springs from where I lived previously at "Springbank", Springbank lane, Orange. They are mystical things that appear/disappear very easily. No-one really understands such beautiful sources of natural water.

There are many other issues associated with placing a mine at this site e.g. pollution and desecration of the surrounding area amounts to rape of the land we rely on for survival. Australia does not have arable land to waste. We lose a percentage every year due to rising salinity.

Therefore, at a time when serious fears and anxiety is high due to loss of survival resources i.e. fresh, drinkable water and food security would any government allow a greedy company to plant such a monster as this gold mine on pristine land? And what for? GOLD — for rich, wealthy people who live deludely believing their food comes from supermarkets and water from "the tap."

I say "No!" to the McPhillamy's Mine at Belubukas Headwaters.