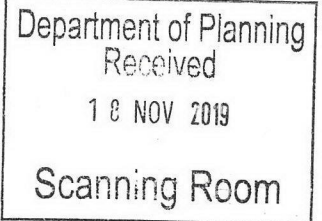


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re: MODIFICATION APPLICATION **Airly Coal Mine Project -
Modification 3**

SSD 5581 MOD 3

I object to this proposal for 3 main reasons:

First - the water issue. In the last approval by Planning it was stated that the mine should adjust its operations to the water that was available. The water from the production bore has nearly run out, so, instead of down scaling the mines operations, they are transporting water from Charbon, which is in another catchment (eg the Murray Darling). This river system can ill afford to be using its precious water so that a coal mine can double its production. Airly should decrease production, if anything.

Second - to increase the rate of mining means that there is more chance of error and subsidence is more likely. The ecosystem on the top of the cliffs is unique and any subsidence could cause irreparable damage. In the long term, the natural environment of this area will be far more valuable to a growing tourism area than the short term benefits of employment derived from mining. We should be focusing on developing our renewables industries and providing local long term sustainable employment from these. Centennial's parent company is already branching out into this field and it is not necessary for them to squeeze every last bit of coal out of this site before the demand for coal ceases completely.

Third - climate change. Australia should not be increasing the fossil fuels it is producing. This will contribute to global warming. We are already suffering the consequences of this in the form of extended droughts and severe bushfires.

I have not made any reportable political donations in the past 2 years.