

Submission to NSW Government Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
concerning **SSD5581-MOD 3- Airly Mine MOD 3 –Production, Workforce Increase**

I am making a personal submission

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Your view on the application: I object to it

Message: To Whom It May Concern,

The Paris Climate Agreement, although flawed, locks in the end of coal. Such a geopolitical agreement could not have been reached in the absence of the growing civil society and market signals that coal's demise was already happening.

Why is the NSW government allowing further expansion of coal production when it needs to be pursuing a planned, orderly contraction of coal production?

Professor William Steffen's Expert Report to the Independent Planning Commission NSW concerning the D532-18 Bylong Coal Project Determination, includes Statements 59 through 63, highlighting the fallacy of the "my emissions are too small to matter" or "some other coal resource will be developed if this one isn't" arguments. Not only must currently operating mines and gas wells be closed before their economic lifetime is completed, but also that no approved (but not yet operating) and no proposed fossil fuel projects, based on existing reserves, can be implemented. I think this analysis also applies to the Airly Mine MOD 3 proposal.

See: <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2018/10/bylong-coal-project/presentations-and-comments/william-steffen.pdf>

My Submission (#215) to the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Environment and Planning inquiry into the "Sustainability of energy supply and resources in NSW" includes (on page 4): If humanity doesn't rapidly reduce greenhouse emissions then we risk not having markets, sustainable businesses, or an economy, due to the escalating damaging effects of dangerous climate change around the world over the next twenty to thirty years – this is an existential threat to human civilisation.

See: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2542#tab-submissions>

It's clear to me, emergency action is required, not just to mitigate for climate change, but also for energy security reasons.

The proposed SSD 5581 Airly Mine MOD 3 is another case of continuing business as usual, contributing to increasing greenhouse

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gas emissions. It is a contributor to increasing a global existential risk for human civilisation, and the potential to extinguish billions of people's lives within this century. Do you want to ignore these risks by approving the Airly MOD 3 proposal?

See: <http://www.climatecoded.org/2019/08/at-4c-of-warming-would-billion-people.html>

Lazard's latest findings in its recently published "Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis, Version 13.0" and "Lazard's Levelized Cost of Storage Analysis, Version 5.0", together with CSIRO/AEMO's "GenCost 2018" report findings, show that 'firmed' wind and solar are clearly cheaper than coal and nuclear by a significant margin.

See: <https://www.lazard.com/perspective/levelized-cost-of-energy-and-levelized-cost-of-storage-2019/>

Also: <https://www.csiro.au/en/News/News-releases/2018/Annual-update-finds-renewables-are-cheapest-new-build-power>

In addition, per IEEFA's report by Simon Nicholas and Tim Buckley titled "Japanese Thermal Coal Consumption Approaching Long Term Decline: Australia's Biggest Export Destination to Transition Away from Coal", dated July 2019, states (including my bracketed remarks):

"With demand for imported thermal coal in NSW's big four export destinations to continue to decline, the market is set for long-term oversupply, lower prices and lower royalties.

Continuing to approve new [and increasing production rates in existing] thermal coal mines in Australia will add more production into an oversupplied market. A cessation of new [and modifications to increase production rate limits in existing] thermal coal mine approvals represents a rational economic step in the face of a declining market."

See: http://ieefa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Japan_Coal_July-2019.pdf

The Airly MOD 3 proposal must be denied; otherwise it conflicts with Australia's commitments given in the Paris Climate Agreement to make substantial reductions to our carbon emissions; and it makes no long-term economic sense.

Please note I do not have my own email address, so I'm unable to provide a submission via the portal you provide. I wonder whether this is a deliberate policy by NSW Planning to inhibit NSW citizens that don't have an email account from expressing their views on critical issues.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to present my views on this important issue.

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