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Wambo Mine, Modification 12, Southern Longwall Modifications.

Dear Jesse.

Please accept my objection to Modification 12 Wambo Mine.

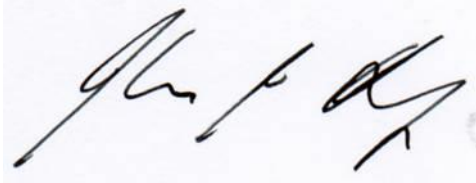
My objections to Modification 12 are as follows

- To continue to expand Wambo mine and extracting further thermal coal when the world is cutting back on fossil fuels is not acceptable. The production of further coal into the market will hinder climate change mitigation and management.
- The cumulative impacts of the Wambo mine and surrounding mines has not been properly assessed.
- The mine has had significant subsidence impacts on Wambo Creek. This issue has been longstanding and commenced in 1991 and the repair work has not been carried out in accordance with conditions of approval and management plans and is an unacceptable long outstanding matter.
- The health impacts of noise and dust from this mine generated by the current operations has not been assessed.
- The three year expansion extension to Wambo open-cut will suspend current rehabilitation commitments.
- The impact on the endangered Warkworth Sands Woodlands has not been assessed and importantly the impact on the perched aquifer which support these endangered Woodlands.
- The collapse of the dam wall of this mine in January 2016 caused serious pollution of waterways and is indicative of ongoing negligent management.
- The south water storage dam constructed in 2000 mine has also failed by over topping of the mine's waste water.
- The management of Wambo mine over a long period of time has been very poor and unacceptable to local communities.
- In America, Peabody Energy has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and may not have the financial capacity to comply with its obligations under the current or future mining approvals. It is unacceptable to the community that a company that is currently in financial distress should be allowed to embark on further expansion.

- The justification for the modification demonstrates that past approvals were based on poor and inaccurate information.

We have been contacted by the mining company to consult with us on this project but so far no meeting has been arranged.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Krey', written on a light-colored background.

John Krey