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NSW Minister for Planning Industry & Environment
Mining Projects
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Department of Planning
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Scanning Room

Dear Sir

Objection to the State Significant Project: Angus Place Mine
Extension (SSD 5602-Amendment Exhibition)

We request that the Department of Planning Industry & the Environment (the DoPIE) recommend refusal of consent, as Centennial Coal has not modified the Angus Place mine extension proposal to adequately protect nationally endangered swamps and has sought to grandfather its consent until 2053, preventing future necessary adaption of the energy sector to address the growing climate emergency. As a result:

We oppose the mine extension as it will fracture the sandstone strata supporting the nationally endangered swamps.

We request that if any consent is issued, then it must be reviewed every 5 years with a possibility of cancellation from 2025, to enable future NSW Governments to end coal-fired electric power as soon as possible and so help stop the growing climate catastrophe

Please require Centennial Coal to revise this amended proposal to prevent damage to spectacular Birds Rock, pagodas, cliffs and the nationally endangered swamps in the 2,000 hectare proposed mining area.

DoPIE must not allow Centennial Coal to replicate under this proposal the damage it has already caused to nationally threatened upland swamps on the Newnes Plateau.

The excessive clearing of 50 hectares of public forest for additional roads, ventilation and pumping facilities must be greatly reduced and all facilities located away from sensitive areas.

The Wolgan Falls must not run dry and so the proposed mining panels along the Wolgan River side of the proposed mining area must be shortened by hundreds of metres to prevent river water losses due to far field impacts associated with the extensive Wolgan Lineament Field.

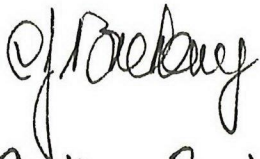
DoPIE must require that Pristine Carne Creek and its waters that flow through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and past the Wolgan Valley resort not be contaminated with iron and manganese or suffer reduced flows due to fracturing of surface rocks.

In the 7 years since Centennial's consultants identified the need for targeted surveys of 4 nationally endangered plants, the company failed to undertake these searches. Lithgow Environment Group has in that time identified many sites where these Federally listed plants occur within the proposal, highlighting the weakness of the company's environmental assessment.

For all the above reasons, the amended mine extension proposal must be subject to Independent Planning Commission review processes.

Canberra Bushwalking Club members walk in and revere the Gardens of Stone and Wollemi National Parks as these Parks are of extraordinary natural significance, comprising rare landforms, rare vegetation communities and ancient aboriginal rock art. The proposal resulting in the desecration of these areas for the purpose of mining coal is globally impacting and unnecessarily environmentally destructive.

Yours sincerely



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