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Major Projects Assessment
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Submission of Objection
Airly Colliery Modification 3

Central West Environment Council (CWEC) is an umbrella organization representing conservation groups and individuals in central west NSW working to protect the local environment for future generations.

CWEC objects to the proposal because the current consent (162/91) is out of date and was not based on the detailed assessment requirements that mining operations are now subject to.

CWEC recommends that a new approval process be triggered before any consideration of extending the mine life can be made.

CWEC notes that the mine now underlies the Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area that was gazetted in March 2011. It is critical that subsidence up to 1.8m not be permissible within this area.

A new assessment of the surface impacts of the mine should be conducted as well as the impacts on water sources in the area.

This proposal should be referred to the Federal *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* as a controlled action because of its proximity to the World Heritage Area and its likely significant impacts on water sources.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Smiles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bev Smiles
Secretary