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Mining and Industry Projects
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Submission Opposing Airly Colliery DA 162/91 Modification 3

As a resident of the upper Blue Mountains and a person concerned with the protection of our already compromised and fragile environment I ask that this proposal be rejected outright on the following grounds: the unacceptable impacts and risks associated with this proposal to the environment and to the existing industries of tourism and agriculture within the area.

The modification 3 proposal allows for full extraction of coal outside Environmental Protection Zones by continuing to operate under the existing out-dated 1991 conditions.

These conditions allow for a ground level drop of **1.8 meters** which will cause cliff collapses and subsidence, which will forever scar and destroy the stunning and spectacular mesa with its thousands of pagodas, dramatic cliffs and the Oil Shale Ruins which have major heritage value as well.

If approved, this proposal will result in saline mine-make discharge into Airly Creek and therefore into the Gardens of Stone National Park within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Further creeks affected will be Gap Creek, Genowlan Creek, and Emu Creek with feed the Capertee River. This contaminated water poses unacceptable risks to the environment, and the agriculture and tourism industries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.