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LETTER OF OBJECTION - DARTBROOK MODIFICATION NO 7

Climate Action Newcastle *object* to the Dartbrook Modification No 7 coal mine proposal on the basis of unacceptable impacts on Earth climate.

The project proposes to extract 10 Mt of coal over a 10 year period. The emissions from combusting coal from this project would be an unacceptable addition to the burden of greenhouse pollution already in the atmosphere, and at odds with attempts to protect the stability of Earth's climate.

Earth is past 400 parts per million CO₂ equivalent. 360 parts per million CO₂ equivalent is the benchmark for the stability of Earth's climate that has been recorded for millennia. The time to act on climate protection is running out.

According to an ongoing temperature analysis conducted by scientists at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) the average global temperature on Earth has increased by about 0.8 Celsius since pre-industrial times. At this increase we are already witnessing devastating sea level rise, and a breakdown to the climate relied upon for the survival of life on Earth.

The current emissions trajectory is leading to an untenable warming of 6C degrees. We cannot afford to keep adding to the accumulated carbon in the atmosphere by digging and mining more coal.

Short-term jobs and mining royalties can in no way justify the immediate and escalating impacts of devastating climate change.

Climate Action Newcastle ask that the Dartbrook Modification No 7 proposal is rejected.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Climate Action Newcastle