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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Modification 4 Mandalong Southern Extension Project- Panels 22-23

I object to the above modification for a number reasons:

- A) The proponent applied for modification on panels 22-23 in September this year. The application was successful. Centennial has had three successful applications with this mine this year. I believe it is too hasty to approve any more modifications until effects of previous modifications are known, in particular "Modification 2 Mandalong Southern Extension Project".
- B) There are concerns around the effects on ground water and surface water, any modification that has the potential to affect ground and surface water and threatened ecosystems should not be allowed. As the Department of Planning knows already, that ground water cannot recharge quickly and if contaminated presents massive problems and consequences. The case at Williamstown, comes to mind.
- C) The Modification has the potential to effect the Dora Creek Catchment and thus impacting on Lake Macquarie itself. I believe it is prudent to wait to see the outcomes of the other three modifications before allowing the approval of this modification.
- D) The Exhibition period is surprisingly short, 1 December to 15 December. This does not give the community time to adequately consider the modification.

Yours sincerely

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