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Marg McLean, of singleton NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Mangoola Mine - Modification 6 - Extraction Rate Increase



Objects to this project

Objection to Mangoola Coal Modification 6 of Project Approval 06_0014

I object to the expansion of the Mangoola (formerly known as Anvil Hill) Coal Mine. This proposed expansion of the mining intensity increases the maximum rate of extraction of coal from 10.5 Million tonnes per annum to 13.5 Mtpa. The expansion will produce an additional 2.4 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. It is not appropriate to allow this to occur. I assume that the Department of Planning accepts responsibility to plan for the future. The greatest chance for a safe and stable climate requires global warming to be no more than two degrees. According to the very recent report from the Climate Commission, this means that 80% of the world's fossil fuel reserves should remain in the ground. It should not be burnt.

This proposed modification is an intensification of production by almost 30%. It appears that it is the case of 'get in and get it out while you still can'. The end of the coal age is nigh.

It is not in the public interest for the NSW Department of Planning to provide for short term money making for overseas companies at great cost in the longer term.

This proposed modification should not be approved for many reasons, including the cumulative impact on air quality and the consequences for human health in the Hunter Valley. The air quality effect cannot be monitored as part of the Upper Hunter Air Quality Network and the noise impact of the mine is already a matter of contention within the immediate community and it would be increased under this modification proposal.

The Department of Planning should reject this proposal because the cumulative impact of coal mining has a far greater environmental cost than it is worth.