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Content:
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 wishes to make a complaint about the short time frame of the public exhibition for the sixth modification of the Cadia East goldmine operation. Two weeks is not enough time for the community to access, absorb and comment on the information provided to justify the proposed increase in processing rate.

CWEC objects to the proposal because of the history of water use at the Cadia East mine and lack of supply during the millennium drought.

The report attempts to demonstrate that existing water licenses held by the mine will cover all contingencies.

However, there appears to be no analysis of the water shortage experienced by the operation during the millennium drought.

A comprehensive regional water study is required to understand the current impacts of the drawdown caused by the mining operations, the impacts on base flows to surrounding surface water sources and the ability of regional water sources to supply the necessary water for an increased rate in gold processing during a drought of record.

The inability of Cadia water supply needs to be met during the millennium drought has not been clearly identified. The issue caused the mine to seek as many new sources of water as possible while the entire region was suffering major shortages.

The concept of water sharing for environmental and social needs was severely compromised during the water shortage. There has been no adequate assessment of the impacts on regional water supply and other water users of the proposed increase in processing rate.

The current operations were approved on the understanding that the mine is economically viable. There is no justification for this modification.

CWEC recommends that Cadia East Modification 6 not be approved.

Submission: Online Submission from company Central West Environment Council (org_object)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=117059

Submission for Job: #6995 Cadia East Modification 6 - Processing Rate Increase
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Site: #39 Cadia Gold/Copper Mine
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