

## **SUBMISSION COBBORA COAL PROJECT (CCP) – Due 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

The Cudgegong Valley Water Users Committee (CVWC) has attached a report on the CCP changes. Our previous submission was not in favour of the CCP proceeding, the main reason being that there was insufficient information in the EA to allow proper detailed comment.

The CVWC still has the view that the CCP Water proposals are unsustainable and lack detailed explanation on the longer term availability.

Existing water requirements 2311ML plus 900ML will crash the storage system and place undue pressures on ground water availability.

Both the NSW Office of Water and CCP have not been able to provide appropriate modelling and scientific backing to prove that what they claim will work, in fact State Water's Resource Assessment calculations show exactly the opposite ie the system will crash within 10 years given existing Drought On Record conditions.

When it comes to projected water requirements, the CCP has been erratic and fellow stakeholders are totally confused.

The CCP claim State Water support their management of surplus flows from the Cudgegong River. Again there is insufficient information available to prove this. CCP are saying they will take surplus flows when they occur. There is no modelling to support this claim. An example may help – when flood conditions occur CCP will not be able to pump water from the flooding river into an overflowing dam on the mine site.

Presentations from Commissioner Harris, NSW Office of Water and various CCP staff have yet been able to show that water required by the mine can be sustainably delivered into the future.

The CVWC strongly opposes the further development of CCP until it can be proved that the water issues can be positively resolved without any doubt.

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