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I am strongly opposed to any expansion of this mine. It will undermine drinking water catchments with no guarantee that these will not be impacted. Nearby, the Woronora Special Area, specifically the Waratah Rivulet, has been seriously impacted by undermining. The same is likely to happen here. Destruction of this water resource impacts not only this generation but every generation to come.

Sensitive ecosystems occur in the area to be undermined, specifically Upland Swamps. These swamps are dependant on a water table being perched on an impermeable layer of sandstone. If this sandstone is cracked by undermining, the swamp may fail (i.e. drain). These swamps are not only beautiful, they are the filters for the pristine water that flows to the catchments and they house numerous threatened species, such as the red-crowned toadlet, ground parrot and eastern pygmy-possum.

Furthermore, the entrance to this mine exists in a residential area. Coal dust is a serious health problem and I am concerned about the increasing levels in the atmosphere affecting my health and the health of my children. When we moved into this area, there were no stockpiles of coal waste outside the mine entrance. We had no inclination that this mine would be allowed to expand in the fashion it is intending.

Finally, truck movements are another serious concern. The residential area this mine occurs in is entirely unsuited to accommodate the increased truck movements.

Sincerely,

Martin Schulz