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Angus Place Extension Project SSD-5602 Submission of Objection from MDEG

If approved an enormous 10,551ha of Newnes State Forest will be damaged by this project destructively impacting on an area which holds significance in many ways:

Water & Biodiversity:

- Five endangered swamps will be hydraulically impacted by the mine:
 - TriStar
 - Twin Gully,
 - Birds Rock,
 - Crocodile and
 - Trail 6
- Due to the loss of water and damage to the swamps key populations of nationally listed animals will also be lost - the Blue Mountains water skink and the giant dragonfly to name but two.
- Water flows in the Wolgan River that passes through the World Heritage Area and over Wolgan Fall will be diminished.
- Carne Creek will lose its pristine flows.
- The Angus Place mine project proposes to send up to 30 mega litres of mine water a day to the new Springvale Water Treatment Plant that will service the water needs of the Mt Piper Power Station. This water drained from Newnes Plateau will be forever lost and destroy the delicate balance of natural ecosystems.

Subsidence:

- Cliffs will collapse and the amazing pagoda rock formations will be cracked in the mining area and result in destructive subsidence.

Heritage Values:

- Any water management strategies and offset money for heritage damage will not compensate for the loss of the national and international heritage.

Climate Change:

- There are two issue of concern relating to this projects unacceptable contribution to Climate Change. Firstly Centennial Coal is seeking consent to mine coal until 2053 – a worrying length of time. Secondly, by providing water to the coal burning Mt Piper Power Station this project will add to emissions which endanger not only local residents health but adds to Australia's contribution to destructive Climate Change.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P Setchell".

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Chairperson MDEG
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