Mining Projects NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Objection to the State Significant Project Angus Place Mine Extension (SSD 5602 - Amendment Exhibition)

I request that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the DoPIE) recommend refusal of consent, as it will fracture the sandstone strata supporting the nationally endangered swamps, as has happened in many other locations around NSW. In addition Centennial Coal has not modified the proposal to grandfather its consent until 2053, preventing future necessary adaption of the energy sector to address the growing climate emergency.

If the proposal is agreed, the following conditions must be imposed...

- The consent must be reviewed every 5 years with a possibility of cancellation from 2025, to enable future NSW Governments to end coal-fired electric power as soon as possible.
- Centennial Coal must amended the proposal to prevent damage to spectacular Birds Rock, pagodas, cliffs and the nationally endangered swamps in the 2,000 hectare proposed mining area.
- DoPIE must not allow Centennial Coal to repeat the damage it has already caused to nationally threatened upland swamps on the Newnes Plateau.
- Mini-longwall mining methods should be applied instead of the intensive longwall mining proposed to protect this significant part of the Gardens of Stone reserve proposal.
- The excessive clearing of 50 hectares of public forest for an additional roads, ventilation and pumping facilities must be minimized, and all facilities located away from sensitive areas.
- The Wolgan Falls must not run dry and so the proposed longwall mining panels along the Wolgan River side of the proposed mining area must be drastically reduced to prevent river water losses due to far field impacts associated with the extensive Wolgan Lineament Field.
- DoPIE must require that pristine Carne Creek, and its waters that flow through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and past the Wolgan Valley resort, not be contaminated with runoff from the mining operations or suffer reduced flows due to fracturing of surface rocks.

In the seven years since Centennial's consultants identified the need for targeted surveys of four nationally endangered plants, the company failed to undertake these searches. Lithgow Environment Group has in that time identified many sites where these federally listed plants occur within the proposal, highlighting the gross inadequacy of the company's environmental assessment.

In summary, the amended mine extension proposal must either be rejected, or at the very least subject to Independent Planning Commission review processes.

I have not made political donations or gifts totalling \$100 or more in the last two years.

Please recommend rejection of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Polegial

Peter Youll