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

**RE: State Significant Project – Angus Place Mine Extension (SSD 5602 - Amendment Exhibition)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to the extension of the Angus Place Mine.

It is ludicrous that Centennial Coal is seeking to carry forward the life of this project to 2053: renewable energy is already strongly competing with coal fired energy as a cheaper and cleaner energy source.

Technology advances regards storage and transmission are matching expansion of the alternative energy market and to effectively “lock in” this coal fired electricity project for over 25 years represents a market interference that is not in the public interest.

The extension poses a significant environmental risk to the highly valued, but under promoted, beauty of the Gardens of Stone landscape area. Centennial Coal has failed to clearly demonstrate how it will protect nationally listed flora within this area and ensure clean flowing watercourses reach the Blue Mountains World Heritage area.

Much of the nationally significant upland swamp areas of the Newnes Plateau has already been destroyed by past mining activity and the potential for further damage within the spectacular 2,000 Study Area is very high. The spectacular Birds Rock, Wolgan River, Carne Creek and stunning pagodas must be protected for the benefit of future generations and the opportunity the area provides for an expanded tourism industry.

The brutal type of mining approach preferred by Centennial Coal is supported by intrusive infrastructure at surface and demonstrates their absolute disregard for the beauty and environmental values of the project area.

The predicted impacts of such a long proposed project must be subject to an Independent Planning Commission hearing, review and determination process.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Merchant.