

OBJECTION TO ANGUS PLACE EXTENSION

I object to this project because of the significant and irreversible damage it will cause to the landscape, waterflows, hanging swamps, biodiversity and pagodas above the proposed long walls and adjacent areas.

I write as someone who has walked extensively in this area and fully appreciate the unique biophysical features of this area.

I object to the project for the following reasons.

- The proposed project area is one of outstanding biological and geological significance.
- It is well documented that previous mining projects adjacent to the proposed project area have already caused subsidence and subsequent cracking of pagodas and cliffs.
- Subsidence and cracking above the longwalls are predicted to reduce water flows and lead to drying of the upland swamps above the proposed long walls.
- There will be a reduction in water flows in the tributaries of the Wolgan river.
- The ecosystems in this area are already stressed by the recent fires and prolonged drought
- The proponents environmental impact assessment did not consider the likelihood of increased frequency and severity of drought due to climate change and this impact on biodiversity.
- The proponents environmental impact assessment did not consider the likelihood of increased frequency and severity of bushfires and this impact on biodiversity
- The proponents environmental impact assessment did not apply the precautionary principle which requires that if scientific uncertainty exists about the risk of significant and irreversible environmental impacts of a development then that development should not proceed.

This project area is of world significance for its unique geological features and unique biological communities. It would be a disastrous decision to extend the mine. Alternatively the project area needs a higher level protection. It should be protected for future generations.

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