

Mining Projects NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta
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Dear Sir/Madam,

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 for the following reasons.

Protection for nationally endangered swamp lands is not adequate in the modified mine extension proposal put forward by Centennial Coal. In seeking a consent that operates until 2053 it unnecessarily hinders developments in the energy sector to address climate change.

I oppose the mine extension because nationally endangered swamps will be significantly adversely affected due to the likely fracture of sandstone strata beneath and underpinning the swamps.

I request that if any consent is issued, then it must be reviewed every 5 years.

I request that if consent be granted it must include the possibility of cancelation after no more than 5 years. We must avoid locking coal use into energy production until 2053 specifically because of coals contribution to climate change and the clear likelihood of less expensive methods of energy production rapidly becoming available.

The 2000 Hectare Study Area includes the following specific natural features - Birds Rock, Wolgan River, Carne Creek, pagodas, cliffs and the nationally endangered swamps. These areas must be protected and Centennial Coal must be required to specifically include such features in their proposal and scientifically underpinned proposals to protect such areas.

The proposal refers to 50 hectares of public forest required to be cleared for roads, ventilation and pumping facilities. Such clearing of public forest must be reduced and all facilities located away from the specific natural features referred to above including Birds Rock, Wolgan River, Carne Creek, pagodas, cliffs and the nationally endangered swamps and other sensitive areas.

In order to avoid the loss of water flows to Wolgan Falls, the proposed longwall mining panels must be significantly shortened. The long wall mining panel must not run along the Wolgan River side of the Study Area. This adjustment will help to prevent river water losses due to far field impacts associated with the Wolgan Lineament Field.

There is a significant risk of iron and manganese related contamination affecting Pristine Carne Creek. Pristine Carne Creek flows through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and past the Wolgan Valley resort. Every effort must be made to avoid contamination and reduction in water flows along this creek.

I am very concerned about the likely negative impact on biodiversity through land clearing, creek contamination and reduced waterflows in the proposed Angus Place Mine Extension.

Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely,