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Dear Assessors,

Re NCIG Coal Export Mod 3 Capacity Increase

After the horrifying bush-fires in recent months, the dying Great Barrier Reef and rivers of the Murray Darling, the prolonged drought and crop failures, the rapid melting of global ice caps and litany of other signals that we are in very dire trouble with a warming atmosphere and oceans, I am truly amazed at the cognitive dissonance involved in putting forth such a proposal as the NCIG Mod 3 Capacity Increase: to export more volumes of coal more quickly than ever in what is already the world's biggest coal port.

It is widely understood that burning coal is the single biggest contribution to global heating, and I do not accept that because export coal is burned in other countries, the business running this export facility business on Australian is not responsible for the emissions. The management of NCIG, and the assessors of this project, must face reality and accept their role in heating the atmosphere and oceans - and all of the ensuing ramifications for life on Earth.

I hear a coal ship sound off in the harbour as I write. I daily breath the coal dust of the export facilities blowing onto my port-side suburb and home. It is frustrating that this deadly industry persists on our doorstep when there are healthier modern jobs and industries we could have already transitioned to. I'm tired of my home being a sacrifice zone. A cash cow for the cynical decision-makers of the NSW government.

I'm asking you to make a better decision for the future of Newcastle and Earth this time, and to reject this destructive proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Morley