

## **Boggabri Mod 8 increase in depth of mining - MP09\_0182-Mod-8**

I am a NSW resident. Please accept this as my objection to the project.

The Boggabri Idemitsu coal mine has altered and degraded the landscape, the social fabric and the water resources of the rural farming community at Maules Creek for over a decade. There are now 3 large coal mines in the area, all of which have been expanded since their original approval. Idemitsu has now applied for another modification, Mod 8, to enable deeper excavation in its mine and removal of an additional 61.6Mt of coal, extending the life of this mine by a further 6 years to 2039.

My reasons for objection are:

- Given the huge scale of this expansion, it should be a new proposal – assessing it as a modification is underhand. A full EIS and approvals process should be required.
- The greater mining depth will increase the damage already done to groundwater in an area which does not have high rainfall. The impacts on livelihoods of the area's farmers should be given high consideration.
- The world cannot afford any new GHG emissions. Mining and burning coal from the extended mine will result in 359Mt of GHG, according to Idemitsu. Recently the Vickery federal court case found that every new mine approval contributes to new emissions.
- The IPC recently rejected Hume Coal's application, because the emissions were 'not justified' and would result in 'intergenerational inequity'. The issue of intergenerational equity should rule out the project.
- New coal and gas approvals, such as this, will undo the work of NSW to date on net-zero emissions targets.

I urge you to reject the application.

Regards

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