

14 June 2022

NSW Department of Planning

RE: The Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123)

Dear Department of Planning,

I am writing to object to the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123).

The extension project was originally rejected by the Independent Planning Commission in 2021. Apparently South32 is applying for an amended extension, limited to "Area 5" of the original extension proposal.

I am underwhelmed by the establishment of a coal mine as a State Significant Infrastructure given that the IPC rejected the proposal just over one year ago based on the risk that the project poses to: potential subsidence in the special Area 5; resulting water quality uncertainty; surface water loss; irreversible loss of aboriginal cultural heritage (including in Special Area 5); threat to biodiversity; and finally the fact that significant coal would be sent out of the area and therefore reduce the proposed short run economic impact.

Therefore, the revised project extension application SSI-33143123 should not be approved without at least further review of documentation by independent authorities. Many of the concerns of the IPC and of the community around water quality security and the questionable need for this mine in a public water catchment supporting major population centres must be responsibly and independently considered and assessed.

I am very uncomfortable with the entire process this is taking and am very concerned about short sighted interests that will compromise irreplaceable water and environmental assets. The coal does not appear to be significantly required by local industry. It is not as significant as the water supply of the country's largest population centers.

Please do not sign this approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge my objection.

Best regards

Name withheld on letter.