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Subject: Re UNITED WAMBO OPEN CUT COAL MINE PROJECT and proposed condition in relation to compliance with

the Paris climate scam agreement

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Commissioners

The proposal is frankly ridiculous. Aside from the fact that the Paris Accord is based on fraudulent data and is in all respects a scam:

- Under the Australian Constitution, responsibility for foreign affairs and trade rests with the Australian Government, not state governments. The matter of the use of exports and whether this country will export to other specific countries is an essential matter of foreign affairs (other countries are likely to take umbrage at being denied exports because someone in NSW decides to refuse them products which we globally trade, and any retaliation may affect states other than NSW). It is the height of stupidity to imagine that our country, let alone a state, can start demonising other countries without expecting some retaliation, to the harm of Australian citizens. The NSW Government is neither competent to make such judgements, particularly when the impact may be elsewhere in Australia, nor constitutionally entitled to do so.
- The NSW Department of Planning has no competence to assess whether other countries are complying with obligations which they have taken on under the Paris Accord, let alone whether countries not part of that agreement are "doing enough". You should note that the United States, the largest economy in the world, has withdrawn from the Paris Accord. While the US is unlikely to want to import our coal, the principle that the NSW Department of Planning is going to regulate exports creates potential with other products for a trade dispute with the United States. China, the second largest global economy, takes a huge volume of Australia coal and other mineral export. It is insane that the NSW Department of Planning should become involved in regulating Australia's exports to China based on whether the Secretary of that Department thinks China is doing enough to restrict CO2 emissions -- and when retaliation by China can potentially be massive, affecting our exports of iron ore, education, food, and other products. Similar considerations apply to Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, India and other countries.
- In addition, trade restrictions affect potential national security alliances and potential military conflicts. They may be the cause of disunity among allies, weakening national security, or the cause of overt conflict with erstwhile trading partners.

The fact that anyone in the NSW Government is considering imposing a condition such as you have raised shows that you are seriously bonkers and not competent people to be holding senior roles within the NSW Government and its administration.

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