

The mine will have significant adverse social impacts on the community, and significant adverse impacts on the existing, approved and likely preferred uses of land in the vicinity of the mine. The construction and operation of the mine, and the transportation and combustion of the coal from the mine, will result in the emission of greenhouse gases, which will contribute to climate change. These are direct and indirect impacts of the mine. The costs of this open cut coal mine, exploiting the coal resource at this location close to the Namoi river, exceed the benefits of the mine. Development consent should be refused.