

Hi IPC Commissioners

in light of new information that has come since the IPC hearings- i.e. the Rocky Hill Rejection I object to this new coal, Vickery extension project and offer these primary issues which need to be considered in light of new information that emerges daily

1. the increase in Green house gas emissions from this and other mines in this valley and their impacts on overheating our world and the need to decarbonise our country to stop the impacts of climate change/breakdown.
2. intergenerational equity- children need a manageable environment to live in. This project will add not detract from destabilising the natural environment. Children want healthy water and climates.
3. The likelihood of local biodiversity persistence
4. this mine and the government paid for infrastructure creating the capacity for more mining to be more easily and likely to be approved in this region
6. the inability for this mine to fit and work within the Ecological Sustainability framework.
7. the current need for old growth carbon sinks to remain intact
8. the lack of baseline data as per the need for a Gunnedah Basin Health impacts assessment. <https://www.maulescreek.org/gunnedah-basin-health-impact-assessment/>
9. lack of faith by the broader community on this proponent's ability to mine without impacting the environment- water, land, biodiversity, species, human health. the history that has lead to this community belief must be forensically examined by the IPC commissioners.
10. the supporters for project showed that their support was conditional that water, the environment and families would be guaranteed not to be impacted.
11. The proponent is happy with the detail and ability to manage impacts as detailed in this submission, but the rest of the community speakers and councils who do not work for, contract for or have not sold or leased land from the proponent are overall not happy with the submission.
12. the plan to leave a final void is unacceptable for water quality and environmental and community rehabilitation goals including ongoing employment in this region.
13. This mine is too close to the Namoi and is too much of a risk in highly connected water systems. Both Werris Creek and Maules Creek groundwater systems have changed since mining moved into nearby areas.
14. In the approval conditions the burden of proof must rest with the mining company.
15. The need to prioritise water and food security over coal and risky climate outcomes. This mine is an additional burden that has no place in this environment.

thanks

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