I object to Moolarben Coal Operations Stage 1 Mod 14, Stage 2 Mod 3

for the following reasons:

1. The cumulative impacts of mining on the Goulburn River and Hunter system are too great.
2. The updated groundwater model needs to be independently reviewed
3. The salt limit for water discharge should be reduced to 500 EC
4. No additional discharge of mine water into the Goulburn River should be approved
5. No additional trains on the Sandy Hollow Rail Line
6. An increase in product coal to 22 million tonnes per annum until 2038 is unsustainable and will not meet the required global carbon budget to achieve the Paris Agreement
7. The greenhouse gas emission assessment is incorrect
8. The Rocky Hill judgement must be taken into consideration. This modification, to increase RoM coal by 3mtpa, is 3 times greater than Rocky Hill.
9. The biodiversity impacts are significant and the offset strategy is inadequate
10. No additional jobs or public benefit will be achieved
11. What about our children? Why does the fate of our children and our children’s children not concern our politicians?

Given the abundant evidence regarding greenhouse gas emissions which we are all now privy to, any government that approves such a project as Moolarben Coal Operations Stage 1 Mod 14, Stage 2 Mod 3 is culpable of ecocide and associated social and cultural devastation. To allow such a project is unconscionable. To approve such a project does not meet our obligations in ensuring intergenerational equity and inter alia only fosters distributive inequity.

I object to Moolarben Coal Operations Stage 1 Mod 14, Stage 2 Mod 3) and remind you again that the world no longer has an appetite for such projects and that we are already seeing litigation being commenced by young people across the globe who recognise how their futures have been significantly compromised by today’s greedy politicians and multi-national companies.

Kind regards,

Sue Abbott

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