I write to support the continuation of Rix’s Creek South. Obviously, non-renewable energy isn’t anyone’s first choice, however, as is stated in the final assessment, the brownfield extension of Rix’s creek is a far better outcome for the environment than an equivalent greenfield extraction. I believe it is far better to police and stringently condition existing mines such as Rix’s than it is to create new ones. Indeed, there is intense scrutiny on the mining industry in general, and concern for the environment is at an all-time high. However, coal and gas account for about 85% of electricity generation in Australia (source: <https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-supply>) and coal remains the world’s dominant source of power, with a share of 38.1%. Coal still needs to be mined until a viable alternative is made available and if anyone is going to mine it, it may as well be a reputable Australian company that can provide job security to a region that needs it now more than ever.