I am writing to object to the Whitehaven Vickery Extension Project. I don't think we should be putting more open cut mines in productive farming communities. I am particularly concerned about the risk of damage to aquifers. Whitehaven have already proved themselves irresponsible with water -Whitehaven’s nearby Maules Creek coal mine has already taken water illegally, outbid local farmers for water and built pipelines from nearby farms to divert farming water for mining.

This seems to be a very short-sighted project, once again. It will add 370 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere – that is the last thing the planet needs.