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**Submission to say NO to the Vickery coalmine**

The proposed Vickery coalmine should not go ahead.

Australians need to be trained and skilled up and employed in renewable energy industries.

Australians do not need Australian land to be destroyed for an out of date industry such as coal mining.

Australia is the driest land in the world and Australians work in extremely hard conditions to provide the food for this nation to feed itself.

A nation that is able to feed itself is in a very strong position in the world, compared to many nations who cannot support their own populations.

Coal mining is a dinosaur industry that has been bypassed by so many other reliable cheaper sources of energy that it is astounding that there are any in this nation who still cling to the idea that it will benefit Australians.

The Vickery coalmine is a very destructive proposition supported by people who don’t seem to have the best interests of Australia at heart.

The best interests of Australians are sustainable energy sources, sustainable food sources and sustainable water sources.

The Vickery coalmine is directly in opposition to all of these best interests of Australians.

I am at a loss to understand why any Australians would want it to go ahead.

I hereby make this submission to say NO to the Vickery coalmine.

Regards

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