

Dear sir,

I am writing to express my objections to the Vickery Mine extension.

1. Coal mining has to be phased out in the next ten years. We must **decrease** the Carbon emissions not increase them. It is vital that we stay below 1.5 degree warming limit to have any chance of a livable planet in the future. We are already at 1.1 degrees of warming. We have 10 years to decrease the CO2 emissions.
2. Australia cannot hide behind the fact that we only emit 1.3% of the world's emissions. China, India and USA, are responsible for 59% of the emissions, the Rest of the World is responsible for 41%. We are part of the Rest of the World which has to play their part in decreasing the emissions. We all have to do our bit, especially Australia as we are a rich, First World country with abundant renewable energy resources. We must lead and help the poorer countries to become Carbon Free. We can give or sell them cheap renewable energy electricity via subsea cables. Other countries are already doing this. In WW1 And WW2 our forces were only 2% of the whole armed forces in the wars, but we did our bit, we did not hold back then and say we wouldn't be much help because we were so small! This is the same, we all have to do our bit to prevent Catastrophic Climate change.
3. This Coal Mine Extension must not go ahead, for other reasons, It is going to waste, millions of litres washing the dirty coal.
4. They will be building an industrial coal processing plant only 400 metres from the river itself.
5. They have bought Dorothea Mackellar's historic home (she wrote My Country ... 'I love a sunburnt country, a land of sweeping plains) and they will be digging up the beautiful rolling hills of the property surrounding it and using her home as their headquarters
6. This company has already destroyed valuable agricultural land in Maules Creek and cut down the Laird State Forest.
7. It does not have the moral license to create more destruction and Carbon Dioxide emissions.
8. This will lead to more extreme weather, uncontrollable bush fires, long droughts, huge floods, lethal mud slides. We are still recovering from the terrible fires from last summer.