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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My Submission against the Vickery Extension Project and reasons for my objection are as follows:-

The proposal includes a railway line that traverses some 14 kms across the Namoi floodplain which to date has no structural design. Yet, the DPIE has determined it will have no impact on flooding in the region.

it’s not really an extension, this is a greenfield site. Although Whitehaven Coal have approval for a much smaller mine, they never intended to proceed with it. Instead it was just a foot in the door for this mega mine.

They do not have enough water for this mine. The Department of Planning (DPIE) admits this in their assessment. Whitehaven were scrambling for water with its existing mines last year. They propose a borefield with a transect of 10 bores in the Namoi alluvium approx 6km from Boggabri town water bores. Our research shows that last year they would have needed 3300ML more than their current licence entitlements from this source.

The mine includes an overburden dump 200 ha in size over the Namoi Alluvium that DPIE’s own water division does not support because of fears it will leech toxic contaminants into the aquifer.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind Regards

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