I would like to express my strong objection to the Russel Vale Underground Expansion Project. The fear of an unliveable planet haunts me, as a young person, every day. The breaking down of ecosystems that we depend on for life scares me. I do not know if I will have a safe place to live, safe air to breathe, safe food to eat or safe water to drink because of the greed and ignorance of those in power today. Expanding to Russel Vale coal mine is not a solution to the climate crisis and will put us all at further risk of food insecurity, extreme natural disasters, climate tipping points, feedback loops, loss of biodiversity and even extinction. We do not need any more funding, new or expansions of fossil fuel projects. It is not logical. It is not just. Approving the expansion of this mine is the wrong thing to do. We lose millions of litres of water a day, because of this mine already. What water will we use to fight the huge fires we have to face in the years to come if this mine is expanded? What water will I drink? Will I feed my children with? The only way to ease the effects of the climate crisis is to stop polluting our environment and atmosphere with CO2. Please, do not approve the expansion of the Russel Vale mine, for us all.