

Hi there I would like to strongly oppose the proposed extension of the Dunmore Sandmine by Boral.

It is manifestly simply a roll of the dice by the company to extend the life of the mine beyond the agreed 25 years rather than closing. The 2 extensions will only extend the life of the mine for a short time, with an unacceptable cost to the local environment that will never be restored, and a very real risk of permanent harm to the river and the many uses and species that inhabit it. Stage 5A is abutting the old Minnamurra Land fill site which has a major Toxic Bloom in the watertable. There is the potential for this to be disturbed by this proposal.

Stage 5B is on the flood plain and within the NSW Coastal Management Zone for the Minnamurra River – mining is not compatible here. Half this site will require the destruction of Bangalay sand forest species this is a listed endangered ecological community abutting Littoral Rainforest.

This is a risk fraught proposal by Boral and the community will pay the heavy costs of their short term profit if this modification is not comprehensively rejected.