I completely object to the Dendrobium Extension Project (SSD 8194)

Mining induced subsidence will damage the watercourses and swamps that feed our drinking water reservoirs. It will negatively affect all three reservoirs at Avon, Cordeaux and Nepean, it will likely lessen our water quality.

During a drought, which is very likely in coming years, the watercourses that flow into the Avon Reservoir are expected to completely dry up because of the proposed mining. Millions of litres of water will be lost – the damage will be irreversible. In this time of climate change – this will be devastating for the environment, and for the Sydney population. In addition the mining proposed is so close to the dam walls, that any impacts to the dams would cause extreme risks to human life.

There is a high likelihood of the 46 swamps in the mining area being damaged. This will cause the land to dry up and erode, making the land more prone to bushfires. Not to mention the negative impacts to all the flora/fauna.

The proposed mine increases greenhouse gas emissions, which is something that is vital NOT to do at this period of time. This massive mine proposal is looking backwards not forwards – it will damage and destroy. Instead this country needs to focus on decarbonising. Coal should not be mined at all in the Sydney basin – we need to think ahead and begin putting money, time and jobs into renewables/low-emission steel.

This mine is not in the public interest and the proposal should be rejected.