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Subject: United Wambo reopening and expansion submission
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Dear Commissioners,

I request that you refuse the application to open and expand the United Wambo coal mine by Glencore and Peabody.

My reasons are as follows: The Commission panel considering this project has been exploring how to consider Scope 3 greenhouse emissions in their decision in the light of Rocky Hill for some time. Professor Will Steffen [provided expert advice about United Wambo for Hunter Environment Lobby and the EDO which has been submitted to the IPC](#) that argues there is only 215 Gt tonnes left in the allowable carbon budget for achieving the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global average temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius. In his advice, Prof Steffen notes that the carbon budget for achieving the safer course of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees is only 155Gt, or fifteen years of emissions at current rates. Prof Steffen's reasonable conclusion from all of this is that there is no room in the atmosphere for any new coal mines.

Failing this request to refuse this reopening and expansion request, I support the inclusion of the proposed condition that the proponents produce an Export Management Plan for the mine that demonstrates that the customers of the coal exported from United Wambo are parties to the Paris Agreement, or that they have policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise be similar to those required of them if they were a party to the Paris Agreement, with the addition, for example, of review clauses to reflect the progressive architecture of the Paris Agreement – designed, as it is, to facilitate increasing ambition over time.

Yours greenly,

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The only way to get where we want to be in the future is to change the direction of the lifeboat we are travelling in.