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To the Independent Planning Commission,

Hello, my name is Adam Milojevic and currently studying in year 12.

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposed Vickery Extension Project near Boggabri.

I find it disheartening that issues such as whether to build more coal mines or produce renewable energy can still be so controversial despite the overwhelming consequences that arise from building this coal mine. The 3rd, 4th, 5th generation farmers of the area are forced out of business because we refuse to adopt a sensible energy plan. The cultural meaning of the land towards Indigenous is yet another unimaginable thing to lose, with the rivers drying up and the land being destroyed forever.

I'm not able to understand how complex these issues are, but I also don't understand how countries like Germany, New Zealand, Sweden and Denmark are able to achieve what we look as 'too ambitious'. I would like to see us listening to the scientists more who say we have to act more urgently to avoid catastrophic loss of ecosystems and human life from natural disasters. We knew it was coming 40 years ago, it is now more prevalent than ever and we cannot change our attitude towards this issue? What sort of a message is that sending to others in humanity? That we don't have to consider the future problems that we are leaving for others to deal with. That is selfish.

Please, thoroughly consider the repercussions from establishing yet another coal mine that inches us closer to destroying marvels of nature such as ecosystems that have formed over 1 000 000s of years. 200 years of industrial revolution and we are wiping out 150 species a day, each of which took nature hundreds of thousands if not millions of years to form.

Thank you, Adam Milojevic.