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The Independent Planning Commission.

How to start this letter of objection to such a monstrous mine in such a country that, with the history of past ravages, combined with our very real and imminent threat with climate change, how do I convince my fellow man, if the science won't - but I will try.

Perhaps in point fashion.

1. This proposed massive extension is just over 1hr from Narrabri, where I hope to speak with your panel on why that proposal for the gas fields should also be negated.

This mine combined with over 900 gas fields that will be proposed in the Narrabri area, (should just one be accepted), will have a devastating effect on the entire area, - send our farmers to the wall and forget about the environment - our State Government has.- they obviously don't know or want to know, that when our ecosystems go, so do we.- pure insanity whichever way you look at it.

A combined massive area, consuming billions of litres of OUR water, in a continent that is so dependent on it for our ability to feed ourselves - let alone the above mentioned. Then proposing to dump polluted water into the Namoi River, which is only 400 metres from the heart of this mine, and this before you look at any run-off with heavy metals also a major problem, plus the tonnes of salt from the proposed Narrabri gas plants, How long do we continue to rape and pillage such a delicate ecosystem as ours?.. Our ecosystems are at breaking point, and all for an industry that will be non-existent in 20yrs time if not before.

2. We need to stop digging pits full stop, - our very survival depends on it.

To quote Italian Physicist and author Paolo Giordano in the SMH Good Week, dated 27th June 2020, "The more we become aggressive towards nature, the more we push into rich biodiversity and tropical forests, the more we put ourselves at risk.

This isn't speculation, it's reality;

There's increasing evidence from DNA sequencing that old diseases like smallpox first got into human population that way."

A study published earlier this year in the Proceedings of the Royal Society Journal, found that virus spillover events from animals to humans, have been **tripling every decade** since 1980.

The study directly linked this to humans devouring more wilderness for agriculture, mining and urban development, releasing pathogens that normally would remain in these areas.

The accelerated extinction of multiple animal species is forcing several bacteria that lived inside their guts for millennia, to move elsewhere for survival. Reckless deforestation is releasing micro-organisms we haven't even identified or named yet"..

3. The Federal Government's refusal to renew the clean energy targets and NSW support of fracking the Pilliga and its renewal of its commitment to coal export undermine the Paris Agreement.- let alone any sense of morality.

To quote Elizabeth Farrelly, journalist, speaking on climate change, "it's as though that climate-exacerbated smoke plume, giving record carbon monoxide levels on Australia Day, were some global smoke signal of our callow disregard.

In finishing, it seems to always appear to be someone else's job to figure it out, and put it all together, so the apathy that masquerades as policy in our politicians of all persuasion can be seen to be doing the right thing.

I implore you to do the right thing for Australia and treat it with the contempt in which it has been offered to the general public and throw it out.

Yours sincerely

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