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I object to the Dendrobium Extension Project SSD8194.

It is unconscionable to allow further mining in the water catchment of large parts of Sydney and surrounding areas. We have already seen the damage caused by the mining that has already occurred: loss of water, swamps drying out causing the loss of flora and fauna, and increasing the risk of bushfires. We should not risk the water supply of thousands of people, especially for something that is not needed.

At a time when we should be seriously considering action to avert the catastrophic effects of climate change, approving a mine extension that plans to run for 28 years is not in our best interest. With global demand for coal falling the existing mines are well able to support current demand. The Peabody mine next door to Dendrobium is already laying off staff. Port Kembla is showing good prospects for moving away from fossil fuel produced steel to low emissions steel cutting further the need for coal.

We are leaving a legacy of water loss and contamination for future generations. The drawdown/dewatering and contamination impacts of mining will be there long after we have gone, we should not add to it by approving more mines.

Please do not approve this extension.

Yours sincerely  
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