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Greetings IPC,

I write this submission in response to the following documents:

i) Letter from Applicant to the Department, dated 9 April 2021:  
[https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2020/10/tahmoor-south-coal-project-ssd-8445/correspondence/department/210409-in-applicant-letter-to-dpie-regarding-scope-1-greenhouse-gas-emissions\\_redacted.pdf](https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2020/10/tahmoor-south-coal-project-ssd-8445/correspondence/department/210409-in-applicant-letter-to-dpie-regarding-scope-1-greenhouse-gas-emissions_redacted.pdf)

ii) Letter from Department, dated 12 April 2021:  
[https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2020/10/tahmoor-south-coal-project-ssd-8445/correspondence/department/210412-in-dpie-cover-letter-regarding-scope-1-greenhouse-gas-emissions\\_redacted.pdf](https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2020/10/tahmoor-south-coal-project-ssd-8445/correspondence/department/210412-in-dpie-cover-letter-regarding-scope-1-greenhouse-gas-emissions_redacted.pdf)

I am shocked to read that, in this time of extreme weather events across the planet that originate from rapid global warming caused by anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, new coal mines, such as the Tahmoor South Coal Expansion Project (SSD 8445) are even being considered given the fact that this mine will create an additional 20,549,599 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>-e) over the life of the Project.

Any GHG emissions are unacceptable in the 21st century because they add to the damage being done to our one and only planet's ecosystems on which every life-form depends, including human beings. Coal extraction and burning is a disastrous contributor to the rapid growth of CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. We all know that.

To avoid the catastrophic increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, no new coal mines should be approved under any circumstance, regardless of the Australian Government's unsatisfactory commitment to reduce GHG emissions by 26% to 28% below 2005 levels by 2030.

Once carbon dioxide is added to the atmosphere it hangs around for between 300 to 1,000 years. Thus, as humans change the atmosphere by emitting carbon dioxide, the effects of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> will endure on the timescale of many human lives. We cannot allow any more GHG emissions while ignoring the effects of 20,549,599 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e over such a long period of time. It's simply disingenuous to do so.

I implore the IPC to refuse the Tahmoor South Coal Expansion Project (SSD 8445), particularly with respect to the damage that its huge CO<sub>2</sub>-e emissions will cause, not only to its immediate environment, but also to the planet's life-supporting atmosphere.

Kind regards

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