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Why this is the only issue outstanding whilst our waterways and dams continue to be vandalised and poisoned is beyond me, not to mention the issue of subsidence and lack of proper and timely compensation by the mines also seems to get overlooked??

Re air quality and pollution, the expansion is taking us a major step backwards when the outcry is for immediate action in the opposite direction.

The mines cannot be trusted. They have acted deceitfully in the past and in their current financial situation will continue to get worse. Too many broken promises, not just in keeping to acceptable standards but even in making amends when standards are not met. Problem isn't just the methane released into the atmosphere but also the coal dust when conveyors are in action, coal is in transit uncovered, and the coal pile in Bargo open to the elements on windy days. The promise of tall chimney stacks only serve to disperse the problems further afield and not to eliminate them. The very fact that they are necessary only goes to prove that the discharge is composed of nothing else but pollutants. We are at the crucial stage where our planet needs government and business not simply to cut down on pollution but to actually being role models in contributing directly and immediately to a cleaner air environment in a positive way. Affected properties directly above the mines will be subject to poisonous methane on their own properties seeping upwards from the disturbed ground beneath their feet. Even if the mines try to keep emissions up to current standards, those standards may only have been acceptable at a time when ignorance prevailed and we could only see no further than our noses. Today we have the evidence, both scientific and environmentally that those standards are totally outdated and unacceptable.

Will the IPC be held accountable for future damages if this current rate of vandalism towards our planet is given the go ahead??

Please, please, enough is enough. Please take the bold steps necessary to save our planet. Lead by example and let's set some precedents not just got Australia but for the rest of the world to follow.

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