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Dear Sir/Madam -

The panel invites "public comment on the following new material provided to the Commission:

- the [Department's Response to the Commission's Letter Regarding Questions on Notice](#), dated 22 July 2021 (including Attachment A – Voluntary Planning Agreement details)."

We have read the above document and we still consider the proposal by Hume Coal to be unacceptable. We urge the panel to recommend refusal of the project.

Item 2 in the Department's response states: "*if the 50th percentile predictions were adopted for the Hume Coal Project, Hume Coal's assessment indicates that 84 privately-owned bores would be significantly affected.*" and that "*The Department's Water Group considers that these predictions should be seen as a minimum.*". There are other causes for concern, but this fact alone is sufficient to make the Hume Coal project totally unacceptable.

It is particularly unacceptable that Hume Coal has provided no evidence with respect to the predicted impacts or any possible make good provisions. In light of this, it must be assumed that the impacts will be at least as severe as predicted and that Hume Coal will not make good.

This Hume Coal project must not be approved.

Yours

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