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Subject: Submission against the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project

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To the commission.

All new fossil fuel projects must be halted to ensure we reduce the impacts of climate change on the environment, local communities and future economy. Please let commonsense prevail over short term profits and corporate greed.

If the expansion is approved, this mine will become the second most polluting mine in NSW for direct greenhouse emissions.

Approving this proposal is inconsistent with NSW Government emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050.

The methane emissions from this mine will have an unacceptable impact on the climate for many decades.

This mine expansion will harm productive farmland and damage significant areas of the Pilliga forest, which is home to many threatened species.

The Pilliga is Gomeroi Country. Damage from the mine will directly affect cultural values, including potential cracking a well-preserved grinding grove site.

Local farmers will lose precious groundwater to the mine, with at least nine farm bores affected. Water will be less available to the Pilliga region.

It adjoins the Narrabri coal seam gas project and will lead to massive cumulative impacts if both proceed.

