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Having lived in Narrabri for 10 years, I can say that the people there do not want the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project to go ahead for these reasons-

- Expanding coal mines is incompatible with a safe climate.
- We will not meet our international climate commitments if we keep expanding coal mines or opening new ones.
- The project will release 34 million tonnes of greenhouse gasses locally and a 456 million tonnes when the coal is burnt overseas.
- 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 Gomerioi 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. It really is a counter productive move. We do not want the planet getting hotter and the present emissions are quite enough without any more. We must reduce our emissions starting now.
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