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New specialist satellite imagery now demonstrates incontrovertibly that gas extraction and fracking in Queensland creates massive clouds of hitherto undetected methane.

The same may be true of certain types of coal mining strata and operations.  
Please see the last bullet point below.

This extension is, simply, unconscionable and incredibly stupid.  
Various factors militate against such errant stupidity:

- 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 Gomeri 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.

Really, no more need be said.  
Please do not permit this ecological and economic\* madness.

Thank you for your attention,

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\* Please carefully study today's news about AGL and the recent announcement of ending that massive coal-fired power station early.