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

Thank you for considering this submission regarding the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project.

I strongly object to the granting of any license for this proposed mine on the following grounds:

1. Expanding coal mines is incompatible with a safe climate for the continuation of life; and
2. Australia will not meet our international climate commitments if we keep expanding coal mines or opening new ones; and
3. The project will release 34 million tonnes of greenhouse gasses locally and a 456 million tonnes when the coal is burnt overseas. This quantity of emissions is clearly incompatible with the IPCC's declaration that humanity faces a "Code Red" for the climate; and
4. If the expansion is approved, this mine will become the second most polluting mine in NSW for direct greenhouse emissions; and
5. Approving this proposal is inconsistent with NSW Government emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050; and
6. The methane emissions from this mine will have an unacceptable impact on the climate for many decades; and
7. This mine expansion will harm productive farmland and damage significant areas of the Pilliga forest, which is home to many threatened species; and
8. The Pilliga is Gomeri Country. Damage from the mine will directly affect cultural values, including potential cracking a well-preserved and relatively rare grinding grove site; and
9. 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; and
10. The proposed mine adjoins the Narrabri coal seam gas project and will contribute to massive cumulative impacts if both proceed.

I look forward to the Commission ensuring that the impacts on the environment and climate are thoroughly considered in light of the latest IPCC report. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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Wurundjeri Country

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I live in 'Mirring-gnay-bir-nong', which translates as 'I can hear a ringtail possum', on the land of the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung, Bunurong and Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin nation. I recognise and respect their Ancestors, Elders and families as the traditional owners of this land and who have never ceded sovereignty.

