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

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The Independent Planning Commission should reject Whitehaven's Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project for the following reasons:

- The project will release 34 million tonnes of greenhouse gasses locally and a 456 million tonnes when the coal is burnt overseas. This is inconsistent with current global attempts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will further disrupt global climate, and with NSW Government emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050.
- The methane emissions from this mine in particular will have an unacceptable impact on the climate for many decades and works against international efforts to cut methane, as it is a significantly more powerful greenhouse gas. Also It adjoins the Narrabri coal seam gas project and will lead to massive cumulative impacts if both proceed.
- This mine expansion will harm productive farmland and damage significant areas of the Pilliga forest, which is home to many threatened species, and 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.

