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To whom It May Concern

Our family strongly opposes this expansion

Clearly, expanding coal mines is incompatible with a safe climate for all and for our children's future.

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.

Water is life, it is crucial to our farmers for the ongoing future. At this time of growing population, climate extremes and need for food security and in light of the scarcity of Australia's water availability, it is insanity to further endanger our water supplies for production of a fossil fuel that needs to be phased out in every case.

Yours sincerely

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