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Hello

Please don't allow Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension go ahead.

I grew up where the reclaimed Vickery White Haven coal mine is now. Our property had a creek flowing through it. This creek no longer exists. The landscape is unrecognisable, hills are gone, pretend hills have been made. My Grandfather's family were first settlers in the area and would win the best wheat crop every year. Now this land has coal dust over it and nothing grows.

Beside all this personal heartache is the fact that we don't need this mine, clean green renewables are out competing this dirty old method of digging up our land for energy. Please let's use common sense.

With hope  
Janet Martin

And, here's another list of reasons that this mine should not be allowed.

- 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 Gomeroi 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.