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To whom it may concern,

I was shocked to learn yesterday that a coal-mining company wishes to extend the life of one of its mines in New South Wales.

In 2020, horrific bushfires burned for months in eastern Australia, and New South Wales was particularly badly affected. Experienced firefighters and farmers had warned for months beforehand that the climate was changing, with less rainfall and higher temperatures, caused by the burning of coal and gas to produce electricity.

The NSW Government should be actively discouraging and winding down the use of coal-fired power, for the following reasons.

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 Gomerioi Country. Damage from the mine will directly affect cultural values, including potentially cracking a well-preserved grinding grove site.

For the above reasons, I ask that permission not be granted for the extension of the mine's life. Rather, renewable energy should be promoted, in order to protect agricultural land, drinking water supplies, and native animal habitat, as well as guard against higher temperatures and worse bushfires.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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