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

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To whom it may concern,

It has recently come to my attention that there is a proposal to expand the Narrabri mine. How can this even be considered when we are aiming for reducing greenhouse gases.

Australia has international climate commitments which are not going to be achieved by expansion of coal mines. This project alone will release 34 million tonnes of greenhouse gases locally and when the coal is burnt overseas some 456 million tonnes . In terms of direct greenhouse gases this will be NSW most polluting mine. There is no way that the NSW Government emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050 will be achieved and the impacts from this mine expansion will be felt for years to come.

This mine extension is also in an area of extreme importance for food production and the already threatened Pilliga Forest which homes many threatened animal species.

Farmers will also see a reduction in groundwater as it will be needed in the mine.

The Pilliga is Gomeroi Country and the damage done to this area will affect its' cultural signifiacance which includes a well-preserved grinding grove site.

yours sincerely,

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