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Subject: Submission against the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project
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Re: Narrabri underground coal mine

I actively oppose this mine because:

The most unusual aspect of this mine is how gassy it is. The amount of methane released by mining the coal is massive, and because methane is a very powerful greenhouse gas, absolutely dreadful for the climate.

Whitehaven coal is currently before the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) seeking to expand the mine to dig up another 100 million tonnes of coal over an extra 13 years through to 2044.

The project will release 34 million tonnes of greenhouse gases directly from the mine site and 456 million tonnes overseas when the coal is burnt. It doesn't matter where these emissions occur, they all fuel climate change.

Even after the mine closes, methane leaking from the mine will keep polluting the atmosphere for decades. Whitehaven Coal estimates 1.7 million tonnes will leak after the mine closes in 2064. This is obviously incompatible with NSW achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

- 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 Gomeri 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.

Thank you for considering the negative impact this coal mine expansion will have.

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