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Subject: Submission against the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project
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Hello Independent Planning Commission,

I am most concerned about the proposed expansion of the Narrabri mine to dig up another 100 million tonnes of coal over an extra 13 years through to 2044.

This gassy mine is worse than many because methane is a very powerful greenhouse gas and terrible for the world's climate.

It appears that 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!

The methane emissions from this mine will have an unacceptable impact on the world's climate for many decades.

Plus, it adjoins the Narrabri coal seam gas project and will lead to massive cumulative impacts if both proceed.

And:

- If the expansion is approved, this mine will become the second most polluting mine in NSW for direct greenhouse emissions.
- Expanding coal mines is incompatible with a safe climate, as Australia will not meet our international climate commitments if we keep expanding coal mines or opening new ones.
- I believe approving this proposal is inconsistent with NSW Government emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050.
- The 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.
- And 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.

Please put the world's climate before big company profits and do not approve the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project

Regards,

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