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To whom it may concern,

Expanding coal mines at this point in time is incompatible with a safe climate. It is about as stupid as Russia is being at the moment regarding the Ukraine. I'm advised that 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. The methane emissions from this mine will have an unacceptable impact on the climate for many decades. It adjoins the Narrabri coal seam gas project and will lead to massive cumulative impacts if both proceed.

Australia will not meet our international climate commitments if we keep expanding coal mines or opening new ones. This will be disastrous for the NSW and Australian economies as we will be subjected to carbon taxes by other economies. Further, approving this proposal is inconsistent with NSW Government emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050.

Not only will this mine expansion be disastrous from an emissions perspective, but it will also harm productive farmland and damage significant areas of the Pilliga forest, which is home to many threatened species. 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 should be further noted that the Pilliga is Gomeri Country. Damage from the mine will directly affect cultural values, including potential cracking of a well-preserved grinding grove site.

Could the supposed leaders of this country please demonstrate some concern for our collective future and stop this ridiculous life threatening mine expansion.

Yours sincerely,

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