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To the Independent Planning Commission of NSW,

I am emailing in regards to the current consideration of allowing the Narrabri Underground Stage 3 Extension Project to go ahead and my opposition to it.

We currently face, as a species, an unprecedented event of our own doing upon the planet. Climate change is the greatest threat to our way of life in Australia, from our food security to facing catastrophic weather events. Our country has set out targets to reduce emissions in order to negate the worst of the impacts of climate change and must adhere to these commitments.

Expanding coal mines is not compatible with both our targets and keeping our climate safe for future generations. If approved, it will release 34 million tonnes of greenhouse gases when burnt in Australia, and 456 million tonnes overseas. It would be the second most polluting mine in NSW for direct greenhouse emissions. This outcome would be inconsistent with the NSW government emission reduction targets set for 2030 and further into the future, which the coal mine emissions will have an impact on for decades.

In regards to the local environment, it will damage the local Pillaga forest, prime farmland, and affect local indigenous culture. NSW already has an abhorrent land clearing rate and forests are disappearing everyday. The Pilaga hosts many threatened native species that are under constant threat from human activities such as coal mines. Additionally, the coal mine will lead to a loss of groundwater that farmers use to support productivity. Paired with the effects of the nearby coal seam gas project, the underground basins are likely to be drained significantly, making it harder for farmers to have access to the water.

For the local indigenous people on which the Pilaga falls, the mine threatens to crack well preserved grinding grove sites. First Nations communities continue to suffer the loss of their culture everyday, this will only exacerbate the issue.

Thank you for your time and please consider my statements.

Regards,
Sarah Brennan