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The mantra for the past few decades in relation to environmental matters has been an exhortation for the citizens of Australia to: "Think globally and act locally".

I am seeing little evidence of the successive governments of this country adhering to this philosophy that would be of world wide benefit.

I was born and raised in Gunnedah. My upbringing was in a thriving community with profitable farming and independent businesses creating a supportive and social cohesion for its inhabitants.

These days it is a scruffy and tawdry looking place. Last time I visited the area, the Namoi RIVER consisted of a few muddy puddles.
Extreme weather events have become the order of the day.

I attribute these changes to the economic effect of business chains suffocating the small independent businesses and mining activities taking from but not giving to the community.

That is the cost of the changes in the way our economy works nowadays and has been repeated in small country towns across the nation.

Of great concern is the ongoing determination to continue mining even after the damaging effects of this activity has been indisputable.

Narrabri is very close to Gunnedah and the precious Pilliga Scrub.

- *The estimated gas emissions of this proposal (already proven to be inaccurate) will add to an already impacted atmosphere.
- *The water availability to aquifers and water systems will be reduced even more.
- *The effect of the changes in water availability will extend far beyond the immediate area.
- *Noise and air pollution occurs.
- *The biodiversity of the area will suffer significantly.
- *Farming practices will be impacted even more.
- *The total disregard for the aboriginal heritage and concern for its survival is unacceptable.
- *The more disadvantaged people of this world are the people who are and will continue to be the most affected due to no activity of theirs and less able to cope with the challenges presented in loss of livelihood.

This is a land of sunshine and clever people who are able to create alternate ways of supplying power that won't cripple the world.

All that is needed are brave politicians prepared to care for the citizens and the land that sustains them by supporting these clever people rather than lobbyists and companies only interested in the bottom dollar.

Thank you for your attention.

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