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My husband , Ross , and I are strongly opposed to the proposed Whitehaven expansion of their Narrabri Underground mine.  
The impacts of such an expansion on the environment will be very destructive . 440 hectares of wildlife habitat will be destroyed.  
This company continually breach regulations and guidelines imposed on them by all government regulatory bodies to be merely given small fines and virtually a slap on the wrist .  
We are astounded by their continual illegal operations , and yet, they are granted special dispensations to bury tyres, steal water , transfer water allocations when other individuals and companies are forced to comply with regulations .  
No doubt the environmental impact projected by such an expansion will far exceed the proposal . The IPC only need to look at the total destruction of a forest at Maules Creek , poisoning of creeks and rivers , water theft , to question the intent of Whitehaven .  
The draw down on farmers bores in the area will be a devastating loss to the agricultural industry .  
Water , precious to the livelihood of all , will be placed in jeopardy by a company that stole huge amounts of water in the areas most severe drought.  
We are farmers , and are very sympathetic to concerns of local farmers .  
Without water, their farms cannot survive.  
The greenhouse emissions projected are huge , far exceeding more than any mine expansion already considered by the IPC .  
We find it incomprehensible that the IPC would even consider the expansion proposed by a company that are “a law unto themselves - “  
When the rest of the world are attempting to reduce greenhouse emissions and the mining of fossil fuels to reduce the affects of climate change why would the IPC bow down to such a company on the promise of jobs, profits ( for who?)  
Such an expansion will be “ short term gain for long term pain “  
One only has to look at the Hunter Valley to see the cost on this rich agricultural area . We do not want the Narrabri region to suffer the same fate .  
We strongly oppose the expansion .  
Ross and Shirley Urquhart  
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