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To whom it may concern,

I have read the additional material including the Departments response to the submission (Feb 28th) and the Applicants submission (25th Feb) . I now wish to submit this as part of the considerations procedure.

Submission against the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project.

At this time in our history we are experiencing unprecedented flooding in areas of our country following on from last year's catastrophic bush fires. These are weather patterns that are fundamentally driven by changes in our atmosphere due to global warming. Whitehaven Coal is currently before the Independent Planning Commission seeking to expand the Narrabri underground mine. From the point of view of greenhouse gas emissions we need to remember that this mine is unusual in that it leaks considerable methane into the surrounding environment and methane is up to 30 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

If this expansion goes ahead the implications for adding to our green house gas emissions and thereby adding to the problems of climate change would be completely unacceptable. In other parts of Australia mining companies are closing down their fossil fuel mines as they are no longer profitable against the rising tide of investment in renewables. Clearly the future lies in investment in renewable energy options.

Australia along with the rest of the world is now moving in the direction of renewable energy sources so to give this mine the go ahead would be counter to this and a move in entirely the wrong direction . It would be a step backwards for ourselves here in Australia and also for those countries abroad who would in time add further to global emissions by the burning of this damaging fossil fuel.

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