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Subject: Renewed OBJECTION to the proposal
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Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for the invitation to address the Commission's 'Additional Material' (extracted partial copy appended).

The 'Department's response to the Commission, dated 28 February 2022', appears to be an unsympathetic response to questions raised by 'Lock the Gate'. These responses need to be rigorously analysed for any signs of untoward or systemic bias. Are the consistent denials a blatant and unrelenting attempt to silence valid queries with spurious answers???

Is this process merely a 'revised economic evaluation', or will due diligence be afforded to the dire predictions of the latest IPCC Report, and likely impacts on future generations???

The 'Applicant's submission to the Commission, dated 25 February 2022', attempts to (unconvincingly) address 'Greenhouse Gas Emissions And Climate Change'.

Nevertheless, having read (and analysed) several responses, including issues about 'bores', agriculture, METHANE (said to be 20-100x more potent GHG than CO₂, depending on atmospheric conditions) etc., I lodge herewith, my observations - in effect a renewed OBJECTION to the proposal.

1. Reading the Department's Response, it might seem that the Department has zero concern for the clear warnings in the latest IPCC Report, with its "rapidly closing window" to abate Global Warming (aka Climate Change). This might imply that the Department is embedded with the proponents, and "captured" by vested interests or lobbyists. If true, this would raise serious questions about the 'Independence' and 'Integrity' of persons involved, requiring a Referral to ICAC perhaps.

2. If there are valid questions concerning the integrity (or bias) of these proceedings, it might mirror the general public's scepticism and distrust in the Australian political system, and 'democracy' in general. Tragically, such distrust can lead to the deadly conflicts currently afflicting other Countries. There are now SEVERE sanctions on Russia, presumably including its coal exports. Hopefully, the proponents do not gleefully see this as an opportunity to increase profits?

3. As a firm believer in democracy and 'transparency', it is deeply concerning to even consider that unethical (or worse) decisions are possible, which would have major adverse impacts on future generations.

4. There is no need here to list any of the well-known adverse impacts on our planet from expansion of burning fossil fuel - THE SCIENCE IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR WORLDWIDE. Fossil fuels have obviously provided us with modern technology (and weapons), and Standard Of Living, but also at a HUGE (un-anticipated) planetary cost

5. For any 'bureaucrat' to set aside the dire warnings of the vast majority of Climate Scientists, The United Nations, NASA data evidence (let alone the massively COSTLY Australian devastation caused by recent wildfires, droughts, now flooding), would seem to be bordering on criminal activity.

6. As a possible, simple example of some of the foregoing, here is a partial extract from a

submission on your Website from Friends of the Pilliga Inc:-

The Department has joined the proponent and the Mining Panel in attempts to ‘brown-wash’ the assessment by referring to the Project area as ‘semi-arid’ and as a ‘brownfield’ development as well as its relationship to the Namoi Alluvium and the Great Artesian Basin.

7. CONCLUSION.

Opposition to burning fossil fuels is gathering apace across the whole world, and Australia is now (after COP26) regarded as a pariah country.

Major opportunities are underway to advance RENEWABLE sources (and EXPORT) of energy (along with battery storage technology), and with it, provision of many more new jobs, including re-skilling of the reducing numbers of mine workers.

To its (unexpected) credit, the NSW State Government is at the forefront of these changes, and it would seem a complete farce to attempt to actually increase coal production in the current situation.

Let us all hope that SANITY prevails, and the proposal is REJECTED in its entirety, for the benefit of ALL Australians and future generations.

Respectfully and Sincerely.

M. Dowson

(Extract from your email dated Mar 1, 2022, 2:34 PM)

In accordance with the Commission’s ‘Additional Material’ policy, the Panel considers that it would be assisted by public submissions on the following new material provided to the Commission:

- the Department’s response to the Commission, dated 28 February 2022
- the Applicant’s submission to the Commission, dated 25 February 2022

Public submissions may be made only on this new material and must be received via email (ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au) between the release of this statement on Tuesday 1 March 2022 and 5pm AEDT Tuesday 8 March 2022. This deadline will be strictly enforced and late submissions will not be considered by the Panel nor uploaded to the Commission’s website.

The Panel will only consider submissions received directly from the person submitting the comment. Campaign emails, petitions or form letters will not be considered nor uploaded to the Commission’s website.

Submissions must specifically relate to the new material only.