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Subject: Submission against the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 extension Project.
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I object to the expansion of the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3

- the mine is on Gomerai Country and the indigenous people have not been supportive of the Mine expansion
- the impact on the environment, with loss of biodiversity, effect on the groundwater and aquifers in the Great Artesian Basin
- the damage to the Pilliga Forest and its unique species.
- the potential increase in greenhouse gasses
- the damage to productive farmland, along with associated bores.
- the health, well being and mental health issues of the farmers who have been trying to protect their livelihood over many, many years with Whitehaven.
- the subsidence and cracking of the impacted ground can be predicted but usually overlooked in company's reports.
- the overwhelming scientific reports presenting baseline data and evidence of potential damage if this expansion goes ahead.
- the industry terms such as "due diligence", "make good agreements", "off sets" , "on balance" etc. send messages that people and the environment are to be used for the purposes of industry and as such don't need to be protected from industry.
- Whitehaven does not have a good track record as is noted when it pleaded guilty to stealing over 1 billion litres of water at its Maules Creek Coal Mine in 2018- even during a drought.
- What will be the cumulative effects on this area with 2 very large projects i.e. this Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 expansion and Santos SCG expansion?
- companies try to present a good image by financially supporting country towns and sporting groups
- our country has experienced the effects of Climate Change/ Global Warming over the past few years, with the huge, devastating bushfires, destructive rains and floods and a pandemic in between. If our scientists had been believed, trusted, given extra funding to continue their vital research, maybe we could have avoided this past devastation.

Yours sincerely,
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