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I wholeheartedly agree with all the essential issues around Biodiversity, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, Climate Change, Groundwater and Agricultural impacts that have been highlighted in the Lock the Gate submission to your commission.

- In response to the applicants new submission. ANY new fossile fuel gas extraction from any expanded activities is too much greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. ANY new activities should EXTRACT greenhouse gases from the atmosphere not add it.
- Biobanking and Bio offsets have evolved into a fraud committed on the environment by a corrupt corporate/government agreement. Bio offset legislation has been ammended to infact allow for further destruction of good habitat and replaces it with degraded uninhabitable habitat with the overall consequence that there is a net loss of natural habitat. The original objective of bio offsets was to improve and enhance habitat while expanding good resilent habitat. The abolition of the "like for like" requirement for offsets is a prime (but not the only) example of the political corporate corruption of an already flawed environmental policy.
- In response to the Departments Response to the commission. “There are no jobs with a dead environment and a bankrupt in debt government and economic system”. The economic argument that stopping fossile fuel extraction now is harmful is a fools response. If we do not respond to climate change today by not allowing more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere the cost will be much more than the cost of transferring to renewables now. This is clearly shown by the costs of the disasters of the last three years. Unprecedented fires 2019-20, two years in a row of 1/1000 year record flooding 2021-22, to name only two effects of adding new greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. These events alone have cost well over 100 billion dollars. *John Quiggin Australian Laureate Fellow in Economics at the University of Queensland.* [Australia is promising \\$2 billion for the fires. I estimate recovery will cost \\$100 billion \(opinion\) - CNN](#)
- **The cost/benefit analysis of this project CANNOT and MUST NOT be considered in isolation from the wider effects upon the**

community and the environmental effects of burning fossile fuels where-ever they are consumed. It is a false flawed analysis to view this project in the wider economic “State significance” terms and then turn around and say its environmental effects should be strictly limited to the local concerns. That is clearly a corrupted, biased skewed terms of reference for any project. The terms of reference have clearly been corrupted by the political process.

However I would like to expand but also personalise this submission to help you understand and balance its negative effects. I and many other people am now, will be and have been deeply psychologically and physically affected by the ensuing loss of habitat and biodiversity that yet another expansion of a clearly environmentally and socially irresponsible project will potentially cause, no matter how small that effect may be judged to be by “rational assessment” on a local basis. The cumulative effects of this project and many other irresponsible projects like this that irreparably fracture and destroy the environment and serve to cause irreversible genetic decline in this and other continents biodiversity, by fracturing the habitat due its potential effects on the climate, causes me and many other humans, who have a direct connection to the earth, to have a profound and deep sense of, loss of self , dissapointment and depression. We feel the relentless loss of biodiversity is a direct assault on our personal sense of being as a species among many species on this planet. Species, Resources and Biodiversity which forms the basis of the web of life that we as a human race have relied upon for our sustaintance and existence for hundreds of thousands of years are being conntinuously decimated and reduced to genetically unsustainable remnants over a mere few hundred years of accelerated consumption and this is only accelerating with a warming climate caused by projects like this.

I was deeply mentally and physically affected by the stress and fear of impending doom and inability to breath due to weeks of smoke inhalation from the fires of 2019 as they burnt all around me on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The extra Fugitive Methane gasses that will spew from this proposed expansion project and the 500,000.000 tonnes of CO2 greenhouse gasses that will come from this irresponsible expansion of this fossil fuel project will only exacerbate climate change and add to the extremes that caused those fires and the unprecedented drought that preceded and directly contributed to those horrific, catastrophic fires and the human distress that i know hundreds of thousands of

others as well as me went through and still suffer to this day. Besides this, the rapidly melting ice on the planet caused by the ever expanding burning of fossil fuels like this projects produces is causing relentless accelerating rising sea levels that are threatening to engulf mine and millions of other peoples homes within the next few decades. That cost is far too high for the benefit of a few dollars and a couple more jobs. It dose not matter where those fuels are burnt it will effect the whole planet. Instead of considering an expansion of this project a sane response would be to be deliberating on its demise asap. Shut it down. You can help to mitigate this relentless assault on our mental and physical and environmental health by denying this expansion at the very least.

In a world where no one had there head in the sand this project would never have even got to this stage. This proposal would never even have been put forward by a responsilble human who had any sense of reality. Any other descision other than too deny this projects expansion would be tantamount to a senseless, irresponsible addition to the deluded suicidal belief that the endless expansion of extraction from the environment with a net loss of biodiversity and unlimited growth is possible, and will have no consequences and will not harm us as a species, when the facts proving the opposite are all around them if they choose to look.

I dont have time to read an assessment of key issues that will no doubt help too justify this absurd abomination on humanity and the environment if only we put some more conditions or regulations on it. The science is clear and unequivocal climate science is shouting from the roof tops that this type of venture is unsustainable and will lead to further extreme accelerated climate change while leaving the planet worse off and less resilient than we found it. Human trauma, Hundreds of Millions of climate refugees from rising seas, extreme temperatures, extreme droughts, cyclones of unprecedeted strength, acidifying seas. coral reef bleaching death world wide is caused by these types of ventures among and in concert with many others.

Finally the cost benefit analysis of the economic impacts of these disasters alone when looked at on a global basis should be blindingly obvious enough to prohibit your acceptance of this venture. Billions upon billions of dollars are being wasted rebuilding some parts of the world which are clearly becoming uninhabitable through repeated impacts of disasters one after the other. No sooner is the damage fixed when the next disaster hits. This scenario is

happening in every country in the world including Australia. This scenario is clearly unsustainable on an increasing basis over the next few decades let alone the next few hundred years as is the scientific prediction. Eventually these impacts will make it uneconomic and impossible to repair the damage before the next disaster occurs.

This project and others like it amount to industrial scale environmental crimes of vandalism which will horrify future generations when they look back on it as we do today look back at the travesties of such recent horrors as Exxon Valdes. BP Mexican Gulf disaster, Rio Tintos Jugan Gorge disaster/crime, BHP/Vale South American Mariana tailings dam burst disaster/Crime, and on and on and on. Everyday a new environmental disaster/crime somewhere on the planet. Its a Death sentence by a thousand cuts. It reduces to this planets resilience and by default ours as a viable thriving species.

I could go on but i feel i am wasting my time and i am even boring myself repeating this over and over again, submission after wasted submission banging my head constantly on the unrelenting machine of bureaucracy that bulldoses over reality while justifying under convoluted laws projects like this. The belief that it is possible to manage, balance and regulate our way out of this planet wide catastrophe we are causing and that we face right now with the Climate change challenge and its ensuing consequences is a collective delusion. There is only one action to be taken and that is to stop burning fossil fuels YESTERDAY. Am I making myself clear? This is personal. Not only for me but for possibly hundreds of millions of people around the world. Please don't make the situation any worse by accepting this new expansion to a snowballing catastrophe. I urge you to help stop this madness.

Thankyou