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Comment on the Applicant's (Whitehaven Coal's) Additional Material submission:

WHC does not disclose whether it would pay for Make Good Measures to private bores which become depleted, either during the proposed mining period or after WHC finishes mining the Stage 3 Extension Project. Will penalties apply in the distant future if WHC does not honour its Make Good Measures?

WHC attempts to justify mining coal in the Stage 3 Extension mine on the basis that the coal to be extracted is of high calorific value and therefore less coal would be consumed in boilers, etc.

It must be obvious that burning coal produces CO₂ emissions regardless of the coal's quality. The exact amount of CO₂ emitted per kilogram is largely irrelevant in terms of accelerating climate change.

Comment on the Department's (Dept of Planning and Environment's) Additional Material response:

DPI's submission contains some disagreement about whether the local population near the Stage 3 Extension mine, likes or dislikes WHC's present and planned activities. Yet in other parts of the response DPI appears to point out that WHC is engaging well with the local population. The situation can't be both ways.

DPI's submission talks about Economic Benefit to the local area and NSW in general. There is no economic benefit to the planet if Climate Change continues on its worsening destructive path because of the burning of coal.

It was said by Ross Garnaut two decades ago that "the cost of inaction (on reducing the effects of climate change) will far exceed the cost of action now".

In its response, DPI comes across as being very pro-coal and supportive of WHC.

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