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I make this submission recognising that it is nearly 30 hours late. I live on the Richmond River so the last 8 days have not been conducive to connections through IT to forward comment. There have been power and mobile phone outages, on top of involvement, in helping the community and people within it to survive

However:

The level of devastation occurring from the rains of the last week and a half, over an immense area of the East coast, underline that there must be no further fossil fuel mining and burning as COP 26 stated. No new mining, no extension of mining. Our governments did not learn from the catastrophes of the fires of 2019-20 and continued to approve extensions and new fossil fuel projects as well as continuing to support the fossil fuel industries financially. The human rights of 1<sup>st</sup> nations people, including those in the Torres Strait have been ignored by government instrumentalities.

I believe the young will bring court actions against those who have continued to facilitate global heating, by approving the mining of fossil fuels. Greta Thunberg's ancestor, through her mother, was the person who in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, brought together the data of 19<sup>th</sup> century scientists that CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> as well as other gases, being released by burning fossil fuels would heat the planet.

2013, nearly 10 years ago was when Australia lost the plot. How could we be part of reducing emissions when a carbon tax was removed and The Climate Council within government was disbanded and CSIRO funding for significant monitoring and understanding were reduced!! Whitehaven Coal is vague in its estimates. It does not take into account the way in which the Coal and Coal Seam fracking projects in the area interact on water availability and pollution. Nor do they recognise how their mining increases greenhouse gases in the area, even before the fossil fuels are burnt.

KEEP COAL AND GAS IN THE GROUND. THE CARBON WAS SEQUESTED WHEN THE LIVING THINGS WHICH SEQUESTED THE CARBON DIED AND WERE BURIED.

Sincerely,

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