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To whom it may concern,

I am incredibly concerned about the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project and oppose it for the following reasons:

1. We are in the midst of an extinction crisis. We must prioritise conservation and protection of biodiversity wherever possible in the planning process.
2. The precautionary principle must be applied. The mine cannot get approval until we know the plan will not condemn a species to extinction.
3. Refuse consent for the Mt Pleasant Optimisation Project. In addition to disturbing habitat at a time when little is known about this species, this mine expansion will exacerbate climate change. As Australia State of the Environment 2021 notes, climate change “is becoming a new driver for habitat change and species loss”.
4. *Delma vescolineata* may - in future - be listed as a threatened species under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 therefore no additional mining should be allowed to occur before the effective conservation of this species is understood.
5. If additional mining is approved at Mt Pleasant, it must be staged in such a way as to allow the completion of research into that detail.
6. The mining of the coal will cause occupational diseases amongst the workers and those living within its precincts eg silicosis, black pneumoconiosis (Black Lung), varieties of cancer.
7. When the coal has been mined, it will be burnt causing toxic smoke and tars which will not only contribute to global warming with drastic weather patterns, the pollution from the burning will contribute to the already huge number of premature deaths from pollution-related diseases. The WHO has calculated that currently there are 12.7 million premature deaths pa.
8. And Mt Pleasant will not look very pleasant with a dirty coal mine!

Responsible planning for the future for the area's environment, wild life and human beings cannot involve the further use of fossil fuels. People who continue the ongoing use of fossil fuels are ensuring that future generations will not have a viable future, will have much shortened lives and will suffer from more pollution-related diseases.

I implore you to think of the quality of life you wish to bequeath to your children, grandchildren and future generations.

Please give my submission your serious consideration.

Thank you for helping to make a difference for the future.

Regards

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Yours sincerely,  
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