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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”. Please we do not need another mine.
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. This small and seemingly insignificant reptile is part of the big picture. All plants and animals fit together and if one is taken out it impacts on all the others much like a piece missing from a jigsaw, therefor we must protect this small lizard and marvel at it.
7. We must stop putting mining before all other considerations. The lives of all the creatures and plants in the areas are of far more importance, especially this seemingly insignificant lizard. We must stop thinking short term and look at the big picture over time, Australia has lost and is losing far too many species to extinction and we must rectify this.

Thank you considering my submission,

Yours sincerely,
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