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Please STOP fossil fuel developments NOW. There are viable sustainable alternatives for employment and economic growth instead of mining. Destroying our environment and critical habitats must stop.

Specifically 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.

Thank you considering my submission,

Yours sincerely,
Kerry Medd