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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 only way to stay below the dangerous global heating threshold of 1.5 degrees is to completely stop any new fossil fuel mines or extensions to mines.

We can't cut emissions if we keep creating more emissions. If we do create new emissions we will LOSE OUR ABILITY TO AVOID CLIMATE CATASTROPHE.

If we want to ensure the survival of our descendants then we must say no to all new mines and say no to mining extensions of all fossil fuels.

Please say no to this project.

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Webb