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To the Independent Planning Commission

I am writing to voice my objection - to the Redbank Power Station Project

I raise the following concerns:

In summary, The Redbank project will aid climate change, not minimize it, by aiding land clearing and burning of vegetative biomass, not to forget the reliance on diesel to keep the base load running.

I understand that the proposed energy output of Redbank is not market driven, but more so driven by speculation. It is not a smart or sustainable energy solution, and it shouldn't be propped up as being one.

The proposal will have impact on threatened species. The proposal will accelerate land clearing, in providing a market to burn vegetative biomass. The guise of coining native species as 'woody weeds' and that this project will help deal with a weed issue is misleading. Land clearing promotes climate change and will have immediate and ongoing impact to terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.

Ecological assessments are required before any land clearing is undertaken ensure no threatened species are harmed in the process, the proposal does not advise that this will be undertaken. The list of woodland birds and other terrestrial species been recognised as increasingly threatened is growing. This project will impact listed threatened species.

The trucking of biomass to and from the Redbank Plant in itself is far from being a sustainable energy solution. It is noted that the trucking of biomass from Cobar is proposed (see map). It is noted that up to 112 return truck movements per day will be required to truck biomass to & from the plant, this in itself is not sustainable.

The proposal to burn 700,000 to 850,000 tonnes of biomass (as noted in their EIS) will create over 1 million tonnes of CO_2 emissions per year; it will not have a net zero output. The content provided in the Australia Institute 2024 submission further unpicks the carbon emission science behind the Redbank EIS and should be considered in the assessment process.

I can only see negative environmental impact resulting from this proposal and urge the IPC to not support the Redbank Proposal.

With Regards

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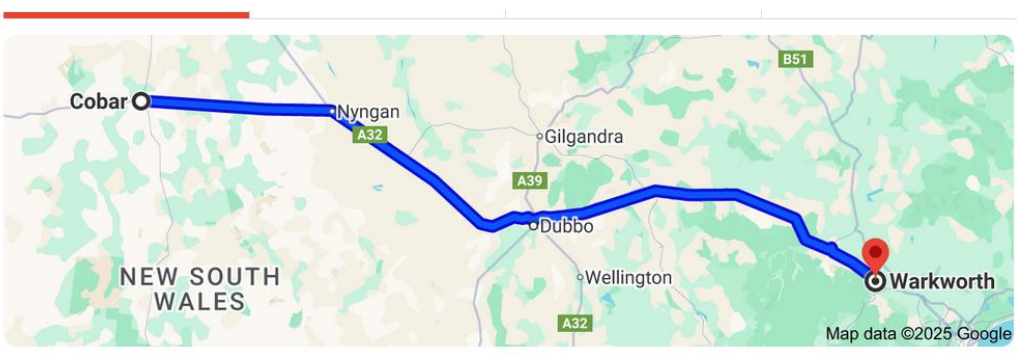

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