

To: The Independent Planning Commission/NSW ref:-(<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/>) making decision on the Moolarben Coal Complex OC3 Extension Project – viz - SSD-33083358

From: [REDACTED] **Date:** Thursday, 19 February 2026

Resident: [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] living in the [REDACTED] and Australia for many, many decades. I have become increasingly disappointed by the ongoing intrusion of newly designated and extended Coal Mines within NSW and Australia. That these mines produce even more coal and the consequent carbon emissions is clear, what is **not clear** to the general public is that these mine expansions are impacting VERY adversely on local flora and fauna communities.

I am concerned that this project will cause irreparable damage to the local environment, and community, as well as impacting the immediate fragile air space quality and of course further afield as these developments aggregate increased carbon emissions around this planet.

Why are we submitting this? Yancoal have sent letter (to IPC) on 23rd January requesting an extra four weeks to modify certain aspects of their proposal!!!!!! This is an extremely late modification.

Main objections:

- Threatened Species and habitat loss. Specifically, Koala, Regent Honeyeater and microbat within the 113 acres posited for land clearance.
 - Biodiversity offsets cannot counter these losses at all!
- Water and groundwater pollution harming Moolarben Creek and other ecosystems critical as drought refuges for native fauna.
- Climate Impacts due to the estimated additional 64 million Tonnes of greenhouse gases.
 - Especially as NSW is not on track to meet its legislated reduction targets.
- Lack of any justified public benefit as far as extra jobs provision, in a region where renewable energy provision (i.e. Central-West Orana REZ) is being prioritised.
- Munghom Gap Nature Reserve at a nearby adjacency of 100m to the extended mine – fauna & flora will be exposed to noise, blasting impacts which have not been included in the modelling report
- The expansion will adversely impact Wiradjuri cultural heritage
- Total disturbance area is a vast 675ha

Yancoals' last-minute minor amendments:

- Do not reduce the mine footprint
- Do not reduce any clearing of vegetation
- The proposed offsite “habitat enhancement” that will not lessen the serious impacts on threatened species and ecosystems
- These late changes undermine the entire consultation process to the benefit of Yancoal
- These amendments merely seem an attempt to ethically validate an irreparably damaging project.

In Conclusion

We demand that the submissions made to the Senate Standing Committee be taken seriously. That there is a review the process for developments to ethically determine the best outcome for the long-term protection of the environment, not for the short-term financial benefits. The environment is so much more precious and vital to the survival of the planet.

[end of submission]