

Moolarben IPC Submission

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URGENT:- STOP - Expansion of Moolarben OC3  
Coalmine near Mudgee on Wiradjuri Country.

The proposed expansion of Moolarben OC3 Open-cut Mineurgently needs to be stopped.

Reasons for this are quoted below:-

1. Australia is in the midst of a series of disasters due to Climate Change, which have already affected the residents living in these disaster affected areas.

Australians are now affected by homelessness and climate pollution and temperature increases, which have affected their quality of life and health

Further expansion of this mine will have a direct as well as indirect effect on the residents and climate locally and worldwide from the transportation and use of the coal and gas from this mine.

2. Recently the wildlife in Victoria and elsewhere have been greatly affected in the number of deaths and injuries to wild native animals in the fire ravaged areas.  
Expanding this Coalmine will inevitably make the Habitats of these animals inhabitable and their numbers will decrease as a direct and an indirect result of the damage to their own habitats.  
They have 113 hectares of koala habitat which will be affected.
3. The mining will be within 10 metres of the Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve and it has been Documented by animal ecology specialists that damage to this land will make the reserve uninhabitable because of the toxic chemicals, noise and vibrations.
4. The added 64 million tons of Climate Pollution added to the existing pollution is a serious and unethical breach of already stated climate targets.

5. There will be a serious, impact on the local water resources where water from this region will be removed if not already polluted and unusable.
6. It will cause damage and destruction to 55 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.
7. The areas will be uninhabitable for residents.
8. It will greatly affect tourism in the area where There is a reserve for rare, native animals.
9. Damage from the mine overall and a new expansion will present an enormous cost to the NSW Government and its citizens.
10. The physical and mental health of the population overall will suffer greatly, because of the degradation and pollution of the air, which will be unfit for breathing. This is already happening in NSW in mining areas, where the mental health of the population is becoming an increasing cost to the state of NSW with respect to mental health conditions such as depression, suicide, addiction and domestic violence is increasing