

To the Independent Planning Commission,
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My name is Lyndal Sullivan and I live in the [REDACTED] and have been working as a professional bush regenerator. As a volunteer, I have been working along the Goulburn River undertaking bush regeneration work for about 2 weeks each year for almost 30 years. I am deeply concerned about the future of the Goulburn River catchment and the impact that the proposed mine expansion will have on it.

I strongly object to Yancoal's proposed Moolarben OC3 coal mine expansion near Mudgee. The serious and irreversible harm to the groundwater is inevitable if this mine is approved.

Lack of evidence of the Safety of Groundwater

There is no adequate baseline water monitoring data available, and the proposal to delay mining until 12 months of water monitoring data is available is not adequate for baseline data. These studies should be undertaken for longer, and the results presented to the IPC for your use in assessing the project.

It would not be proper process to grant approval without further information about groundwater impacts. As Yancoal has a poor track record of complying with water monitoring requirements elsewhere in the mine, it would be highly risky to give even a conditional approval.

On the basis of potential groundwater impacts alone, I urge the IPC not to approve this proposal.

NSW Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023

This proposal is inconsistent with the NSW Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023 and the goals of the Paris Agreement.

For these reasons, I urge the Independent Planning Commission to recommend that the Moolarben OC3 Coal Mining Extension Project be refused.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

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