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Objection to Drayton South Coal Project
Application Number: 11_0062

David Mooney
Project Manager
The Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Dear Mr Mooney

I object strongly to the Drayton South Coal Project on the grounds that this proposal to extract 119 million tonnes of coal over 27 years will:

- Produce additional 0.31 million tones of greenhouse gas emissions per year which is totally unsupportable in the context of climate change.
- Cause air and noise pollution
- Will destroy 1,928 ha including 107 ha critically endangered Box-Gum Woodland derived native grasses and 398 ha native forest, woodland and shrubland which is protected under law.
- The proposed biodiversity offset property is in a different bioregion approx 70kms to north of mine proposal, and regardless of offsets I cannot accept the net loss of biodiversity. The balance book on biodiversity will still be in debit.
- Impact adversely on the Hunter River, Saddlers Creek and Saltwater Creek.
- Have an unacceptable impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems, particularly Red Gum and River Oak.
- Will leave post mining final void that will take approx 1,000 yrs to reach equilibrium which is an unacceptable burden on future generations who have lost productive farming and must bear the burden of climate change ensuing from the carbon released by the clearing of bushland forests.
- Is adjacent to seven thoroughbred horse studs including Coolmore and Woodlands, eleven dairies, four vineyards (3 with wineries), an olive grove with processing plant which will be adversely impacted by the development
- The economic assessment is not adequate.

sincerely,

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