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Subject: United Wambo coal mine - comments by Claire Bettington
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To the **NSW Independent Planning Commission:**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on **Glencore/Peabody United Wambo** new mine/mine expansion.

This project should NOT go ahead.

We have a Climate Emergency unfolding before our eyes. Every single new or expanded coal mine will make the situation worse as that coal is burned. There is only one responsible solution henceforth, and that is to keep coal in the ground. Existing coal mines should be wound down and phased out as quickly as possible, the miners must have a "just transition" to another industry. **There must be no new coal mines and no more expansions of existing mines.**

Notwithstanding the above, if you do decide that this coal mine is necessary, it is absolutely imperative that you include the proposed **Export Management Plan** so that buyers of the coal are from countries who are parties to the Paris Agreement, or have policies to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions as if they were.

We are running out of time to make a serious attempt to reduce and reverse the adverse effects of Climate Change, and the limiting of CO₂ emissions from burning coal is getting extremely urgent. Your part is a very important one in this process, as every decision counts. I therefore urge you to outright refuse the United Wambo proposal. It is the responsible thing to do.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Bettington

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