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To the IPC,

I was pleased to hear that the IPC has taken into consideration the impact of the burning of fossil fuels in the approval process of Australian coal mines such as the expansion of United Wambo in the Hunter Valley.

The scientific experts have strongly recommended against any new coal projects or the expansion of existing ones, as any further burning of fossil fuels will increase the warming of the planet above 2 degrees and be outside of the Paris agreement targets.

I encourage the IPC to review the approval of the expansion of United Wambo and reject it on the basis of the inevitable contribution to the warming above 2 degrees as stated by the Paris agreement (to which Australia is a signatory) and the irreversible damage to the planet living conditions and to future generations chances of survival.

Climate change is a reality that needs to be dealt with right now and the way to limit further catastrophic consequences is to stop any expansion of fossil fuel mining and burning.

Further, the expansion of United Wambo is inexcusable due to the already very poor air quality in the Singleton region in the Hunter Valley (due to the high concentrations of small particules); this is a matter of very great concern for medical experts as is causing great harm to the health of the residents and has a great financial cost for the health system.

Thanks for your attention

Warm regards

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