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I am objecting to the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine for the following reasons:

1. Jerry's Plains, Warkworth and Bulga are already suffering from the impacts of too much mine dust and noise. It must be noted that the Upper Hunter is already above the national standard for dust with Current Operations.

2. The proposal to clear 247ha of critically endangered ecosystem will destroy habitat for the Regent Honey Eater, the Swift Parrot and the Spotted-tailed Quoll. Offsets for biodiversity loss are always extremely suspect, and in this case are totally inadequate and not even complete. I cannot believe that there is a proposal to establish an offset to re-establish critically endangered bushland on mine rehabilitated land!! That will not and cannot work and to propose it would seem to be cynical in the extreme.

3 Water is a huge problem also as credits to discharge mine water under the Hunter Salinity Trading Scheme have not been acquired. In addition, the cumulative impacts of groundwater drawdown on Wollombi Brook and associated dependent ecosystems are far too great.

4 With the project extracting 150 million tonnes of additional coal until 2041 there will be a huge increase in greenhouse gas emissions leading to a worsening of climate change. There can no longer be any doubt - coal is a leading cause of the warming of the planet.

The area around the proposed Wambo Open cut mine is already awash with coal mines. There has been no attempt to do a cumulative impact study, probably because the results would be extremely alarming. However this must be done before the final assessment of this mine.

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