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Independent Planning Commission

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Objection to the Dartbrook Coal Mine Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 Mod 7)

This letter is to object to the application to reopen the Dartbrook coal mine.

I object on the grounds that:

- The rejection in the Land and Environment Court of the Rocky Hill coal mine near Gloucester has highlighted that this is not the time in our history to be developing or reactivating coal mines. Coal mining, transportation and export are major contributors to climate change. We need to be transitioning away from mining to the development of renewable energy sources that do not risk our climate, water, land and air. There is no time for further delay real action.
- If this modification is allowed it will not be long until open cut mining follows, creating even greater risks to the environment.
- The objections of local farmers, Council, equine and viticulture industries and the community generally should be respected through the rejection of this proposal.
- Agricultural land should be protected in the interests of our food security.

Please reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

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