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TO: Independent Planning Commission of NSW

For Attention : Chair, Mary O'Kane

RE: Rix's Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300

I continue to seek to express my grave concern at the callous disregard for appropriate standards of impact on the natural and human environment in the assessment of continuation of coal mining.

This is at the local, regional and global scales. The global carbon budget for a safe climate is already stretched. There should be no further approvals of coal extraction, especially in the Hunter Valley.

The impact on biodiversity and the vital need for connectivity on the Valley Floor has not been appreciated or adequately assessed. The cumulative impact, including final voids needs to be recognised and factored in to assessment. Any attempt at offsetting impact must consider all the habitat values and most particularly the need to minimise fragmentation at the regional scale.

The air quality assessment and impact on human health has been publically identified as inadequate by the Department of Planning. The residents of Camberwell village and also particularly north west Singleton already know this as air pollution regularly exceeds the national standards, in all fairness, the assessment should acknowledge the impact, not avoid it.

The continuation of coal mining is not in the public interest. The transition to renewable energy, greater efficiency and recognition that we cannot continue our way of life with 'business as usual' or 'growth at any cost' is proceeding.

I urge the IPC to take every opportunity it can to facilitate the transition. Please do not approve this application, the costs are too great.

Yours sincerely,

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