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Subject: Re: Inquiry into the planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities - Post-hearing responses
Attachments: image007.jpg; Transcript - Planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities- 15 March - HIGHLIGHTED FOR QON.pdf; Quotes used from NSW Coal Strategy for mine expansion in Mudgee Region.docx
Categories: Planning system climate impacts

Hello David,

Here is the transcript with one small correction from me.

Also attached is a summary document responding to the QoN including links to the reference documents.

Regards
Bev Smiles

References to *Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining in NSW* (NSW Government, 2020) in proposed Mudgee Region coal mine expansion

1. WILPINJONG COAL MINE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT (SSD-6764) – PIT 3 AND PIT 8 EXTENSION MODIFICATION

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<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=PMA-66242220%2120240215T041513.570%20GMT>

The Modification would not substantially change the scale or nature of the Wilpinjong Coal Mine, which would continue to align with the objectives of the *Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining in NSW* (NSW Government, 2020).

2. Moolarben Coal Complex OC3 Extension Project.

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the NSW Government estimates that global demand for seaborne thermal coal would increase to over 950 Mt leading up to 2030, at which point demand would begin to decline (NSW Government, 2020)*

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This demand increase is partly attributed to developing countries seeking to provide their communities with access to electricity to support economic growth and improve their quality of life (NSW Government, 2020).*

Under the scenario of a reduced export regime from NSW, most coal consumers would be likely to source their coal from elsewhere, and much of this coal would be lower quality compared to NSW coal (NSW Government, 2020).* Lower quality coal requires the consumption of more fuel to produce equivalent energy, increasing overall environmental impacts.

The Project presents an opportunity to provide thermal coal to existing customers and meet energy demands while alternative energy sources become more available globally.

* Ref: New South Wales Government (2020). *Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining in NSW*.

3. Ulan Coal Modification 6 – Underground Mining Extension

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As identified by the NSW Government's 2020 *Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining in NSW* (NSW Strategic Statement) coal mining is an important industry for NSW and will continue as such for the next few decades.

Ref: State of NSW, 2020a. *Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining in NSW*.