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Dear Director

Comments on Mine Rehabilitation Discussion Paper

Environmental Justice Australia is a public interest legal practice. We thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

We attach a report *Dodging clean up costs – six tricks coal mining companies play*. The report describes strategies employed by companies to avoid, minimise or delay rehabilitation of mines.

The strategies are:

1. Place the mine into care and maintenance;
2. Extract until cash reserves run dry;
3. Simply don't rehabilitate;
4. Sell operations to an unknown minnow;
5. Expand;
6. Receive inappropriate discounts.

We hope the new NSW rehabilitation policy for all major mining projects adequately considers and addresses these strategies.

We would be pleased to provide further information.

Yours sincerely



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