

The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP  
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
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Dear Minister,

**Re: West Gate Tunnel Project and Maddingley Brown Coal**

Moorabool Shire Council (Council) is aware that you have received a large volume of correspondence from us regarding the community concern and potential environmental impact associated with the application for Maddingley Brown Coal (MBC) to accept, store, and potentially dispose of uncategorised contaminated soil from the West Gate Tunnel Project.

To date we have written:

- Sixteen letters to the Minister for Planning;
- Two letters to the Minister for Transport;
- Two letters to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change;
- Four letters to the CEO of the Environment Protection Agency; and
- One letter directly to the Premier Daniel Andrews.

Yet for some reason we are still unclear on how the State Government intends to protect the environment and the surrounding community from the impacts of this proposal.

By way of reminder, here is a snap shot of the environmental concerns. Parwan Creek flows through Maddingley Brown Coal. The creek flows into the Werribee River to the north east. The Werribee River provides water for irrigation districts at Bacchus Marsh and Werribee and water for urban areas. These waterways form part of the Port Phillip Catchment, which is administered by the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority and Melbourne Water. Groundwater aquifers also exist beneath the study area. Potential contamination of these waterways is a significant environment risk to the region and beyond.

We urgently request a meeting with you to explain in detail the environmental and community concerns with this proposal at this location, and to resolve the ongoing uncertainty as to how these concerns will be addressed and adequately regulated.

Yours sincerely,



**Derek Madden**  
Chief Executive Officer