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To whom it may concern,

I am submitting comment on the Metropolitan Groundwater Sharing Plan, specifically in response to question two, relating to environmental outcomes.

5. In order to improve environmental outcomes and adhere to Objective (a) in the Plan, due to accelerated groundwater loss in the Sydney Basin, particularly in the Sydney Basin South Groundwater Source, a Part be added to the Act, following Part 9, dealing with 'Rules for Underground Mining Approvals with the Potential to Impact on Groundwater'.  
Specifically, this new Part should exclude approvals for underground mining works in or near sensitive environmental areas, unless robust, independent peer review of the proposal has shown no long-term losses of groundwater.

I hope this response is appropriately considered.

Yours sincerely,

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