

Dear friend,

In NSW's Leard State Forest, Whitehaven Coal is getting ready to start construction on Australia's largest new coal mine.

The Maules Creek mine will release carbon emissions almost equivalent to New Zealand's entire energy sector. It will pump thousands of tonnes of coal dust onto neighboring communities, drain the water table by several metres, and cause the destruction of 1600 hectares of unique bushland and farmland - 544 hectares of which is classified as critically endangered.

Just a few weeks ago, the valiant Northern Inland Council for the Environment lost its court challenge against the Federal approval for the Maules Creek coal mine and the Boggabri Coal expansion.

The only thing now standing between that forest and the bulldozers is community action.

[Come along to one of our Northern Rivers information sessions to find out how you can get involved in the campaign.](#)

Just over a month ago over, [100 people went to Maules Creek](#) to stand up for the forest, for our land, our water and our climate.

Yet Whitehaven coal is still defiant. They will begin construction of Maules Creek Coal Mine any day.

That's why we need you to join us in supporting this important campaign that is shaping up to be a watershed moment in Australia's battle to halt the expansion of mega coal mines across the country.

We need people to join the local leaders on the ground at Maules Creek to peacefully stop this coalmine being built. [Come to our information sessions this week to find out how you can get involved.](#)

Even if you can't be there in person [we need you to get involved](#) and be part of the effort to stop this mine from going ahead.

Governments have failed. The court has ruled against us. Major banks have lent the project money. All that stands between bulldozers and Leard State forest now is us.

Now is time for us to step up our efforts to stop this mine. We look forward to seeing you there.

For our climate,

Ahri, Simon, and the rest of the 350 team.