

To Whom it May Concern

The Peoples Climate Assembly wishes to comment briefly on the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Guide for Coal Mining.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

The Peoples Climate Assembly is strongly supportive of improved measurements of methane emissions from coal mines.

Reducing methane is one of the quicker ways of tackling temperature increase. We can only reduce methane when we have an accurate measure of how much and from where it is being emitted.

It has been known for some time that the “bottom up” method of estimating methane emissions was significantly under-estimating the actual methane emissions. Given that we are already at 1.5C, there is no time to waste in reducing GHG emissions from all sources. However, having point sources of emissions such as coal mines that can be controlled, requires the highest level of attention and resources. We must do more to accurately measure methane emissions from all of these sources.

The various “top down” methods of measuring methane emissions also have their issues and difficulties but appear to be significantly more accurate in their measurements of methane. Given the seriousness of the situation that we face, it is imperative that we employ all feasible methods as rapidly as can be possibly put into place. A combination of “top down” methods would appear to most satisfactorily measure the methane emissions, especially fugitive emissions, and allow for corrective action.

Whilst cost is a consideration, it should be the lowest consideration given the huge cost to the biosphere, people and the economy as temperatures increase.

In conclusion, the Peoples Climate Assembly urges the NSW EPA to do all in its power to utilise improved measurement methods across all its licensees, and to cut methane emissions from coal mines as a priority.

Please confirm receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely

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