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Having just driven through the Hunter Valley for the first time and spent time with friends who are under imminent threat of losing their land to coal mining, I am filled with loathing at the continued and unashamed crimes against the planet being perpetrated by the fossil fuel industry and supported by politicians at both state and federal level. I naively believed that Australia was a civilised country that didn't condone the repression and exploitation of it's citizens. Sadly I was wrong. The recent spate of record breaking temperatures only goes to further emphasise the insanity of allowing coal mining to continue, let alone expand. Politicians are supposed to represent the people not mega rich destructive corporations. Please consider the future for all of our sakes and take a stand for the land and it's people. Coal mining must stop now!

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