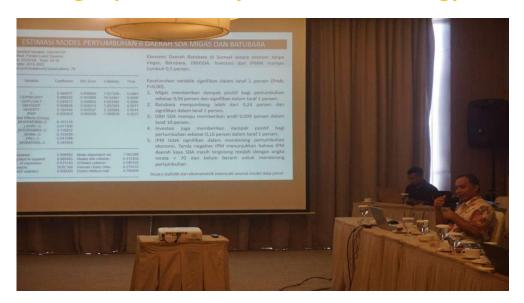




## 7.2 University measures towards affordable and clean energy SDG 7 – Indicator 7.2.6 Divestment policy

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In partnership with scholars from Sriwijaya University's Faculty of Economics, Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (WALHI) South Sumatra has drawn attention to the long-term societal unviability of coal-based energy sectors. Based on studies carried out in the Tanjung Agung District of Muara Enim Regency, this assessment highlights the detrimental impacts of large-scale coal mining operations on the social and economic facets of local life. The results show that the marginal social benefits of mining operations, such as increased land prices, employment opportunities, and corporate social responsibility initiatives, are outweighed by the marginal social costs, which include decreased agricultural productivity, environmental pollution, and pressures to adapt to a changing livelihood.

The research team emphasizes that switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy will better support social and environmental sustainability in South Sumatra in light of these effects. Additionally, WALHI offers suggestions to local governments on how to improve monitoring of the environmental effects of coal mines and adjacent power plants, as well as how to assist community capacity building for non-coal-based economic activity. In order to make sure that environmental management produces more social, economic, and ecological advantages than the social costs sustained by impacted communities, WALHI requests that the national government reevaluate new mining permits.

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