

Re Proposed Invincible Mine Southern Extension

I object to this proposed extension as it is clearly just stage 1 of the company's long term plan for that mining lease area. The small amount of poor quality coal in the southern extension area does not justify the environmental damage involved. Why hasn't Castlereagh Coal rehabilitated the rest of the existing opencut? They have had that least for a couple of years now, and said they would. The need for special "nut coal" to be trucked to their factory on the coast seems to me a lame (and fake) reason for trying to justify the proposal.

The existing opencut is a blight on the landscape clearly visible by passing traffic on the Castlereagh Highway, so we don't need more of that.

If you want to create jobs, just start rehabilitating the huge areas of land in Australia disturbed by previous mining, of which the Invincible and Cullen Valley mines are prime examples.

The governments (State and Federal) should finance rehabilitation work using the many disadvantaged and unemployed people in Lithgow that we keep hearing about in the local media and online.



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