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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
Subject: Invincible Mine Objection
Date: Tuesday, 5 December 2017 11:16:42 AM

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We call on the Planning and Assessment Commission to recognise the high conservation values of the Gardens of Stone area and reject the Invincible Extension Project.

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Date: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 8:58:58 AM

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I have family here, some day I will want to visit. It astounds me people need to voice to you the concern for the earth and it's benefits while cared for, not pillaged.

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Yours sincerely,

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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
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Date: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 6:38:15 AM

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The Planning Assessment Commission has the power and responsibility to maintain the ancient environments remaining close to Sydney. Please ensure this unique resource remains intact and unspoilt.

Yours sincerely,
Matt Smith

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Laura Bishop

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Val Wright

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This is an amazing area of Australia that should not be mined.

Yours sincerely,

Elly Potter

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Ross Nicholson

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Hence, I do not agree with this plan. Accordingly, this mine should cease NOW!!!

Many thanks in anticipation of your not allowing this mine to proceed.

Your sincerely, Linda BROOKS

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Mr Paul Forward
Chairperson
Planning Assessment Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Forward,

Submission Opposing the Department of Planning and Environment recommendation
- Invincible Extension Project 07_0127 MOD 5 (D490/17)

I strongly object to the proposed changes to the Invincible coal mine. Open-cut coal mining should not recommence in this sensitive part of the Gardens of Stone region. In October 2014 the PAC said the "highest and best use of the area is for conservation purposes". That ruling is not changed just because the Department of Planning and Environment's has recommended a different plan.

It would be inappropriate to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that had rejected open-cut mining in this 50 hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development, and the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest.

Manildra (Castlereagh Coal) has made the open-cut proposal small (50ha) while at the same time it has applied for access to coal resources in 1,368 hectares around the proposed mine site. Manildra has been granted coal exploration licences Nos. 8618 and 8619 over much of the Ben Bullen State Forest that is of high conservation value. When the modification is read in this context it is clear that this is no different proposal from earlier proposals previously rejected for this mine site.

Coal from Manildra's open-cut Invincible mine will be more expensive in terms of overall costs, when the environment is taken into account, than coal from existing operating mines that can meet the requirements of Manildra's Bomaderry plant.

The Ben Bullen pagoda landscape is unique, irreplaceable and covers a small area of which the woodlands affected by the proposed Invincible open-cut mining operation is a key part. The modification proposal is a key part of the only area where grassy tableland woodlands adjoin pagodas. This woodland is an integral part of this pagoda landscape and its loss will compromise this beautiful pagoda landscape.

Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this wonderful natural landscape. Damage to this natural landscape cannot be compensated by offsets, contrary to the assertions made by the Department of Planning and Environment.

The Planning Assessment Commission correctly observed in 2012 and confirmed 2014 that the pagoda landscape consists of the pagodas and woodlands below

them. The pagoda rock features cannot be considered in isolation from the surrounding woodlands that are proposed to be mined. The buffer debate was part of the previous PAC review and determination that refused consent. The proposed biodiversity offsets can in no way replace the unique Ben Bullen pagoda landscape. The proposed offsets are irrelevant to conservation of this pagoda landscape. Unique means this landscape is irreplaceable from an ecological perspective. And the existing woodland ecosystems cannot be replanted after open-cut mining.

Please uphold the previous decisions of the PAC. The Department of Planning and Environment has produced no new evidence or analysis that could overturn the previous PAC determination. Refuse consent for the proposed Invincible mine, modification 5 as the applicant and Department of Planning and Environment have not provided any basis to overturn the past decision regarding these matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Yours sincerely,

Paul Morgan

Although I no longer work in this field on a professional basis, I am a qualified ecologist. In my opinion, this ecosystem is completely irreplaceable I find it of great concern that the Department of Planning and Environment can make this recommendation without any scientific evidence in support of the proposal. As the Planning Assessment Commission rightly identified this landscape is of highest conservation value and should be preserved for future generations not squandered. I ask you to stand by your earlier judgement and conserve this unique landscape.

The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal.

Yours sincerely

Paul Morgan BSc BSW MA

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - 20:02

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Mr Paul Forward
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Dear Mr Forward,

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- Invincible Extension Project 07_0127 MOD 5 (D490/17)

I object to the proposed modification of the Invincible coal mine. Open-cut coal mining should not recommence in this sensitive part of the Gardens of Stone region. In October 2014 the Commission said that the "highest and best use of the area is for conservation purposes" and that ruling is not changed by the Department of Planning and Environment's (the Department's) recommendation.

It would be inappropriate to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that had rejected open-cut mining in this 50 hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development, and the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest.

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Further, ecosystems cannot be replanted after open-cut mining. The proposed biodiversity offsets do not replace the unique Ben Bullen pagoda landscape. The proposed offsets are irrelevant to conservation of this pagoda landscape.

Please uphold the previous decisions of the PAC. No new evidence or Departmental analysis has come forward that could overturn the last PAC determination. Refuse consent for the proposed Invincible mine, modification 5 as the applicant and Department of Planning and Environment have not provided any basis to overturn the past decision regarding these matters.

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Yours sincerely,

Lynne Donnelly

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Dear Mr Forward,

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I object to the proposed modification of the Invincible coal mine. Mining in this area has already been rejected and there is no new circumstances that should see a change to these previous decisions. If anything there is a stronger case for no new coal mines in Australia let alone in an ecologically sensitive area.

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Yours sincerely,

Rachel Peachey
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It would be inappropriate to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that had rejected open-cut mining in this 50 hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development, and the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest.

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Yours sincerely,

Jordan Reed

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Yours sincerely,

Sandra Rotheraine

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Please refuse consent for the proposed Invincible mine, modification 5 as the applicant and Department of Planning and Environment have not provided any basis to overturn the past decision regarding these matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal.

Yours sincerely,
Jane Montgomery

Jane Montgomery
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It would be inappropriate to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that had rejected open-cut mining in this 50 hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development, and the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest.

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Yours sincerely,
Leanne Sharp

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Mr Paul Forward
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Dear Mr Forward,

I visited The Gardens OF Stone area a few years ago ,and was blown away by the magnificent Pagodas there is nothing like it and should be preserved, not threatened ,by and old out of date industry..

I object to the proposed modification of the Invincible coal mine. Open-cut coal mining should not recommence in this sensitive part of the Gardens of Stone region. In October 2014 the Commission said that the “highest and best use of the area is for conservation purposes” and that ruling is not changed by the Department of Planning and Environment's (the Department's) recommendation.

It would be inappropriate to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that had rejected open-cut mining in this 50 hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development, and the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest.

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Yours sincerely jenny rooke,

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Dear Mr Forward,

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- Invincible Extension Project 07_0127 MOD 5 (D490/17)

I wish to register my objection to the current proposal to extend the Invincible coal mine. I do not believe that open-cut coal mining should recommence in this sensitive part of the Gardens of Stone region, not now, not ever. In October 2014 the Commission stated that the "highest and best use of the area is for conservation purposes". That ruling was the correct one and is not changed by the Department of Planning and Environment's (the Department's) recommendation.

It would be totally inappropriate, both procedurally and morally, to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that rejected open-cut mining in this 50-hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As the Commissioners would appreciate, the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest but approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development.

While Manildra (also known as Castlereagh Coal) has made the initial open-cut extension proposal small (50ha), it has applied for access to coal resources in 1,368 hectares around the proposed mine site at the same time. In addition, Manildra has been granted coal exploration licences Nos. 8618 and 8619. These licences cover much of the Ben Bullen State Forest, an area that is of high conservation value. When all this is taken into account, it is obvious that there is little difference between this proposal and the proposals previously rejected for this mine site.

When the environment is taken into account, coal mined from Manildra's open-cut Invincible mine will be more expensive in terms of overall costs than from existing operating mines that can meet the requirements of Manildra's Bomaderry plant.

Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will have a highly adverse environmental impact upon this outstanding natural area. The Ben Bullen pagoda landscape is unique, irreplaceable and covers a small area of which the woodlands affected by the proposed Invincible open-cut mining operation is a key part. The modification proposal is a key part of the only area where grassy tableland woodlands adjoin pagodas. This woodland is an integral part of this pagoda landscape and its loss will compromise this beautiful pagoda landscape. The true cost of damage to the natural environment cannot be compensated by offsets, contrary to the assertions made by the Department.

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Yours sincerely,

Darren Baguley

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Yours sincerely,
Maylene Merrett

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Thank you
Damian

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Melissa Humphries

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Carole Sarvis

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Yours sincerely,
Vanessa Holt.

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Pat Calderbank

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Date: Tuesday, 5 December 2017 10:08:05 AM

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Patrick Beale

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As a climate scientist and engineer (PhD 1978 Cambridge University in mathematics of large scale ocean-atmosphere interaction, and subsequently working for CSIRO, Yale University, Delft Hydraulics, University of Melbourne, and consulting to various governments internationally, now retired), I urge you to not approve the expansion or construction of any coal mining operations. The age of fossil fuels is all but over and to prolong it does extreme damage to our climatic system. There is no scope for serious doubting that message of presently research-active climate scientists.

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R.Sullivan

Rebecca Sullivan

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Fiona Donnelly

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Yours sincerely,

Adrian Gilbert

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This submission will be counted, quantified and ignored.

Tragic.

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Victoria Graham
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Barbara Aroney

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Fiona Scott

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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
Subject: Submission opposing the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of Invincible Colliery 07_0127 Mod 5 (D490/17)
Date: Tuesday, 5 December 2017 7:19:04 AM

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Be it on your head your children will dishonour you
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Yours sincerely, Wendy Morris.

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