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**Subject:** Submission opposing the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of Invincible Colliery 07\_0127 Mod 5 (D490/17)  
**Date:** Saturday, 2 December 2017 9:42:37 PM

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Mr Paul Forward  
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Submission Opposing the Department of Planning and Environment recommendation  
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Please confirm earlier rulings against this proposal.

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As the evidence for climate change and human contributions to that seems fairly irrefutable, it is time to stop destroying areas of ecological significance. Please protect this important wilderness.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Nelson

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Yours sincerely, Susan Bowman

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Yours sincerely, Dee TAMINIAU

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Stella Norberti

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Emma O'Brien

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Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Hilton

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Christine Wade

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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:** Saturday, 2 December 2017 8:24:08 PM

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Thank you for preserving this stone garden

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Jenny Buchan

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Christine Daniels

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Yours sincerely,

( Mrs) Sonya Gillies

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Yours sincerely,  
Michele Grant

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Kerry Coomes

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Margot Stephens

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Yours sincerely,

Janice Russell

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Yours sincerely,  
Colette Connors

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Marionne van Katwijk

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Luke Gregory

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Yours sincerely, Geraldine Milton (M.Bioethics.Monash)

Geraldine Milton

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Having experienced this beautiful area visiting my father's property for the last 20 years, I know the tourism and agricultural potential will exist forever. Therefore I totally oppose this destructive coal mine which will take away this potential for short term gain.

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Yours sincerely,

Ciska Burrie

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Shona Buchanan

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Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Gilbert

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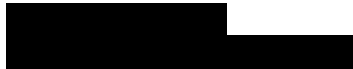
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Yours sincerely,

Caroline Goosen

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I see no reason why, in an age when coal is becoming a lesser source of energy supply, an area of such beauty and natural significance, should be affected in an irreversible manner. The short term gain from coal mining that this may bring is just another example of the thinking that is shaping our physical landscape today.

Yours sincerely,  
Ray Simpson

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I believe there should be no further extension to coal mining in this area.

It is a fragile wilderness which should remain protected. It is unwise in this age of climate change to destroy such areas for short term profit and jobs. There are viable alternatives.

Please do not mine in this area.

Yours sincerely,  
Glenys Ramage.

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It is really a waste of time and public money to commission reports that will then be willfully ignored. We vote for you to do the best, forward thinking decision making for the overall good of the state. This is clearly against the public interest.

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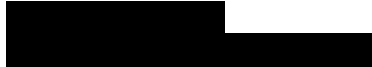
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Yours sincerely,

Graeme Smith

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