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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: Sunday, 3 December 2017 3:22:15 PM

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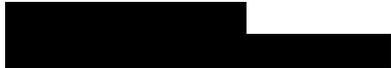
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Yours sincerely,
Kristen Davey

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Cassandra Norton

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Robyn Marriott

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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
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Date: Sunday, 3 December 2017 2:31:10 PM

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Julie Reynolds

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Kristian Wynn

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Thank you,
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Robyn Florence

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Yours sincerely,
M McTaggart

Michael McTaggart

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Subject: Submission opposing the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of Invincible Colliery 07_0127 Mod 5 (D490/17)
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Mr Paul Forward
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Dear Mr Forward,

Submission Opposing the Department of Planning and Environment recommendation
- 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.

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The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission. I believe that mining coal should be curtailed, as the emissions caused by its use both pollute and overheat our already changing atmosphere. In this instance the open cut mine will destroy an area of great natural beauty and significant conservation value. Please do not allow this expansion to go ahead.

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

Yours sincerely,
Andy Hook

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Penny Osterhaus

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Renata Musolino

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Yours sincerely,

Robert Bell

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Date: Sunday, 3 December 2017 10:23:42 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Deanne Eccles

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Jillian MacDonald

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03 December 2017

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Yours sincerely,

Siobhan Brahe

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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
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Date: Sunday, 3 December 2017 10:10:24 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Vicki Bishop

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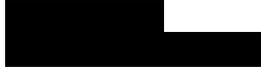
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Yours sincerely,
Vanessa Goodhand

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Date: Sunday, 3 December 2017 9:33:01 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Ian Richardson

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The Honourable Richard Jones

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Mr Matthew Skellett RN

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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.

Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. 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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this beautiful pagoda landscape.

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.

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.

The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Kym Biddell

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Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 08:44

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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: Sunday, 3 December 2017 8:44:46 AM

Mr Paul Forward
Chairperson
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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)

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Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. 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,

Joanna Osborn

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Mr Paul Forward
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Sydney NSW 2000

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.

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 obvious that it is not a different proposal from the 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.

Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. 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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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.

The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal. Please see sanity and end this madness we care about Australia too much to see it ruined by coal mining!

Yours sincerely,

Elly Graham

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Mr Paul Forward
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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 object most strongly to the proposed modification of the Invincible coal mine. Open-cut coal mining should be stopped at all cost anywhere near the Garden of Stones Region let alone 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 not only 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, it would be a criminal act of environmental destruction. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, the approval of this modification would set a precedent that would then allow 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. There are already proposals to expand the mine over a very large area which will create a massive area of environmental destruction.

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 obvious that it is not a different proposal from the 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.

Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. The true cost of damage to the natural environment cannot be compensated by offsets, contrary to the assertions made by the Department.

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

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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.

It is time that the Department of Planning and Environment actually protected the Environment they are charged to protect. The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal.

Yours sincerely,
Cate Warren

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Dear Mr Forward,

Submission Opposing the Department of Planning and Environment recommendation
- 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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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.

Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. 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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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.

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The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Reid

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Mr Paul Forward
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Yours sincerely,

mike birch

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Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Edwards

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Yours sincerely,

Rick Kilpatrick

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Dear Mr Forward,

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Approving Manildra's 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. 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,

Linda Campbell

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