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**To:** [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Invincible Mine Objection  
**Date:** Monday, 4 December 2017 1:13:05 PM

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Yours Sincerely

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

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Yours sincerely,

Charlton Brenton

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Niki Bignell

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Ellen O'Gallagher

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I would like to strongly oppose the proposal to allow an open cut mine in the Gardens of Stone area of the outer Blue Mountains region. I grew up spending much of my time hiking, rock climbing, canyoning in the Gardens of Stone area and wider Blue Mountains. On each of these occasions I have found myself completely in awe of the natural beauty of this area of New South Wales. I do not believe that an open cut mine is an appropriate use for this area in any way, shape or form. Further, any economic justification of a mine in this region is significantly outweighed by the potential of this area to provide jobs in tourism, conservation and other uses that maintain and conserve the natural beauty of this place for future generations.

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Yours sincerely,

Ed Giles

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Mr Ben Keyzer

Having visited this area a few times it'd be a shame to not be able to take my grand kids one day.

Ben Keyzer

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Monday, December 4, 2017 - 14:45

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Yours sincerely,  
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Yours sincerely,  
Liz

Elizabeth Bridon

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Jenni Clement

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Against humanity. This needs to be left alone for future generations to admire and enjoy, not to mention that this is environmentally safer for the future wellbeing of the human

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The future is depending on the right decisions being made, "Now not Tomorrow!"

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Rhonda Scoullar

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Yours sincerely,  
Bruce Latimer

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Yours sincerely,

Gail Jordan

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Yours sincerely,

Julian

Julian Homewood

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Madge Szoeki

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A citizen concerned by the lack of true forward thinking and implementation, from those in positions of power in planning, energy and environmental management.

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Yours sincerely,

Annette Pringle

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Yours sincerely, Lets be honest. It matters not how strict the so called rules are all forms of mining will inevitably harm the environment and mankind is not yet clever enough to fix it. Mankind does not need to ruin another precious landscape as coal is no longer necessary for our progress as a species. Let's leave old technologies in the past where they belong!

Jennifer Martin

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As a visitor regularly to this beautiful area I am ashamed and shocked such a destructive proposal could be considered. We are showing no care or protection for the environment,

Yours sincerely,  
Ann Harwood

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Yours sincerely,  
Peter Chubb

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Yours sincerely,

Sophir Small

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Magdalena Toth

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Alice Moffett

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Julie Barry  
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Hamilton South New South Wales 2303  
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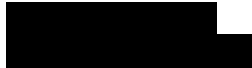
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Yvonne Parker

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