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NSW IPC

I am writing to **urge you to protect Ravensworth**, a special place in Australian history, and a special place for its future. Ravensworth Estate sits on one of the earliest sites of colonial settlement and frontier conflict in the Hunter and remarkably, its homestead and surrounds remain largely intact. Heritage agencies say Ravensworth homestead and the surrounding area:

- has the strongest documentary evidence of any conflict site across the Hunter Valley, including the event known as the Ravensworth massacre.
- tells the story of shared Aboriginal and European heritage
- is rare and exceptionally intact.

Its rarity and importance has been compared to the World Heritage convict sites in Tasmania, and the significance of the massacre site has been compared to world war battlefields in Europe. Only by remaining in its own place will the significance of Ravensworth be protected, moving it will destroy that significance.

As Heritage NSW said in their meeting with you, removing the building and mining the landscape 'diminishes' an "*opportunity for truth-telling and it diminishes the opportunity for us to come together as Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people that live in this country*". I repeat, it is a place for the future - only by recognising the on-going impacts of our past, can we move towards a real future for all Australians. Destroying such a place diminishes all Australians, both in the present and in the future.

You have my strong and vocal support to listen to the Wonnarua Plains Clan and stop the Glendell mine expansion by saving the Ravensworth Estate. Protecting Ravensworth Estate recognises the importance of understanding who we are as we move into the future.

Yours sincerely,
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