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To Whom it May Concern,

Glencore's plan to expand its Glendell coal mine and open cut the Ravensworth Estate, would destroy its extraordinary heritage and ruin a special opportunity for recognition and reconciliation with First Nations peoples. The largely intact Ravensworth Estate sits on one of the earliest sites of colonial settlement and frontier conflict in the Hunter region.

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.

Glencore's plan to pick up and move the Ravensworth Homestead and mine the estate has been compared by the Chair of the Heritage Council to trucking Old Parliament House to Queanbeyan.

Heritage NSW has stated that 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"* and *"if we keep dismantling these cultural landscapes we won't have the opportunity to share ... stories"* that need to be shared.

I feel compelled to make this submission in full support of the Wonnarua Plains Clan requesting IPC take action to **stop** the Glendell mine expansion and save the Ravensworth Estate.

Regards  
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