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To the Independent Planning Commission, NSW

I am writing to express my opposition to Glencore's request to expand its Glendell coal mine. Not only is any proposal to open or extend a mine outrageous in this time of climate crisis, in this case the requested expansion would cut open the Ravensworth Estate, destroying its extraordinary heritage and ruin a special opportunity for recognition and reconciliation between First Nations peoples and white Australia.

Ravensworth Estate sits on one of the earliest sites of colonial settlement and frontier conflict in the Hunter and 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.

Glencore want to pick up and move the Ravensworth Homestead and mine the estate, but the Heritage Council has said in a meeting with the IPC, 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'. They say 'if we keep dismantling these cultural landscapes we won't have the opportunity to share ... stories' that need to be shared.

I urge you to protect this special place and not to allow this proposed mine expansion.

Thank you.

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