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Dear Sir/Madam,

I fully support the Wonnarua Plains Clan request for action to stop Glencore's expansion of the Glendell mine onto the Ravensworth Estate. The Estate must be saved from being turned into a coal pit.

The Estate's extraordinary heritage must be preserved given it sits on one of the earliest sites of colonial settlement and frontier conflict in the Hunter region. Its homestead and surrounds remain largely intact. The future for coal is bleak so there is no justification for Glencore to be granted the right to vandalise a significant historical site and ruin a special opportunity for recognition and reconciliation with First Nations peoples. Australia laudes its actions in various theatres of war from the Boer War. Anzac Day, which commemorates a failed campaign, is the centre point of remembering our military involvement, yet we fail to acknowledge the frontier wars that occurred across Australia as squatters continued to encroach on land belonging to First Nations peoples.

According to heritage agencies 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.

Such is its rarity and importance that it 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. These alone are grounds for preserving the estate intact in situ. There would be a huge uproar if Old Parliament House were uprooted and moved to Queanbeyan, the analogy used by the Chair of the Heritage Council when comparing Glencore's proposed relocation of the Ravensworth Homestead.

According to Heritage NSW removing the building and mining the landscape would devalue 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 add "*if we keep dismantling these cultural landscapes, we won't have the opportunity to share ... stories*" that need to be shared.

This seemingly insatiable desire to trample on natural and cultural heritage sites must be halted. Progress with purpose should be the only criterion. Glencore's planned expansion of the Glendell mine onto the Ravensworth Estate fails this test.

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