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I cannot believe anyone could propose destroying this important historical site. Have we learned nothing since the caves in the Juukan Gorge, in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, were destroyed in the blast in order to expand the mining company's Brockman 4 iron ore mine? Once again, a site of great significance to the First Nations people stands to be demolished to produce more coal - as if we needed that.

This site represents one of the earliest sites of colonial settlement and frontier conflict in the Hunter region. Amazingly, the 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.

The suggestion that the Ravensworth Homestead should be moved so that the estate can be mined is ridiculous and ignores the fact that the whole site is part of the history. This significance of the massacre site has been compared to world war battlefields in Europe. This is like taking the beach at Gallipoli and moving it to a desert somewhere.

The importance of a site which represents a significant conflict in our history cannot be overestimated. Heritage NSW said 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*". If reconciliation is ever to be achieved in our country, we must stop dismantling cultural sites of importance to our original inhabitants. We must force companies to value cultural heritage above profits. The Wonnarua Plains Clan oppose this proposal and want the site protected.

I believe that we cannot afford erase the site of a major conflict in our early history. Please act to stop the Glendell mine expansion and keep the Ravenswood Estate intact.

Sincerely,

Susan Brown