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To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the expansion of the Glendell coal mine to cut open the Ravensworth Estate, which would destroy its extraordinary heritage and ruin a special opportunity for recognition and reconciliation with First Nations peoples. We need to do better.

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.

Glencore want to pick up and move the Ravensworth Homestead and mine the estate - but the Chair of the Heritage Council has compared moving Ravensworth in such a manner, to trucking Old Parliament House to Queanbeyan.

As Heritage NSW said in the meeting with the IPC, 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.

The Wonnarua Plains Clan are asking for action to have this site protected and this is a crucial moment.

We need to stop this expansion now.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you.

Yours faithfully,

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