



At its meeting of 15 March 2022, Council considered the following Notice of Motion (NOM) in respect to the relocation of Ravensworth House.

“That Singleton Council recommends that the Ravensworth Homestead be relocated to McNamara Park at Broke as part of the Glendell Mine Extension Approval and that the General Manager of the Singleton Local Government Area prepare and deliver to the Independent Planning Commission a verbal and written submission supporting the proposal to relocate the Ravensworth Homestead to McNamara Park at Broke.”

In considering the motion, it was resolved that:

Singleton Council recommends that the Ravensworth Homestead and outbuildings be relocated to McNamara Park at Broke as part of the Glendell Mine Extension Approval and that the General Manager of the Singleton Local Government Area prepare and deliver to the Independent Planning Commission a verbal and written submission supporting the proposal to relocate the Ravensworth Homestead and outbuildings to McNamara Park at Broke.

I am advised that Glencore submitted a concept and design for the relocation of the Ravensworth Homestead to McNamara Park at Broke as part of their submission for the extension of the Glendell coal mine. During preparation of the submission, I am advised that considerable stakeholder engagement was carried out in relation to the proposed relocation to Broke.

An alternative proposal to relocate the Homestead within the Glendell Mining Lease area was also submitted.

It is Council's view that the NSW Planning Department in its recommendations for approval of extension of the Glendell Coal Mine have overlooked the social and economic benefits of relocating the Ravensworth Homestead to Broke and have consequently recommended that the homestead be relocated a short distance from the existing and future mining operations.

This recommendation appears to have been made purely on the basis of minimising heritage impact and avoiding secondary approval requirements for the site at Broke.

It is contended that the relocation of the Homestead within the mining lease area does not provide any social or economic benefit to the local community and Council is concerned that an opportunity to create potentially significant benefit to the community will be lost.

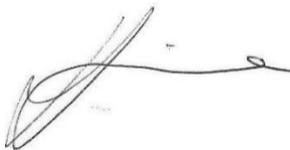
At the Council meeting of 15 March, 2022 speakers representing the proposed management trust, Broke Fordwich Tourism Association and Broke Residents Association spoke in support of the motion.

In respect to the relocation of Ravensworth House to Broke, Council has raised a range of issues which include but may not be limited to:

1. Potential native title.
2. Potential NSWALR Act claims.
3. Plan of management requirements and local community engagement requirements.
4. Crown land status and their support.
5. Zoning and flooding.
6. DA process.
7. Long term management and maintenance responsibilities and funding of such.

I must be clear, that none of the abovementioned issues means that Council opposes the proposal, however, they need to be acknowledged, carefully considered and resourced to enable the process of relocation to occur in an appropriate manner and timeline.

Further to the above, the IPC met with Council staff and Councillors on 8 March 2022 to discuss the Project. At these meetings reference was made to the prior submissions on the projects, which were endorsed by Council at the meetings of 16 March 2020 and 19 April 2021. I have nothing further to add to these submissions or the conversation with the IPC on 8 March 2022.

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Jason Linnane
General Manager