

- Hello, my name is Jody Derrick, representing the Broke Fordwich Tourism Association and local resident, I have grown up and lived in Broke since I was 5, over 40 yrs, my father worked at the near by mine, my husband and I are involved with both mining via our transport business & tourism via our accommodation business & my work at a local cellar door.
- The village of Broke has changed significantly. In my early days I would say that most residents were involved in the mining industry, however I feel that there has been a significant swing towards involvement in tourism. My feeling is that mining will contract in our area over time however Broke Fordwich will always be a tourist area.
- I am involved with many events in our area, Broke Village Fair, Little bit of Italy in Broke & Smoke in Broke and yes Glencore our local mine is very supportive of these events and local projects, I feel that the impact of the mine (increased traffic, noise, dust and road closures while they are blasting) to our village are not fairly compensated. Ravensworth House would be significant compensation, that will live on for generations to come.
- Broke has more than 10 beautiful cellar doors, well know restaurants and an art gallery/sculpture walk, yet it lacks a town centre, we have a service station which is often the first thing tourist come across, the staff at the service station do not have a tourism background and cannot in most cases help guest to our area. Ravensworth House will provide a town centre that can be used for a tourist information hub and an area were locals can meet for coffee and catch ups, both non-existent in Broke now. If anyone witnessed how the now closed Coffee Cart brought locals together, I'm sure you will agree that Broke needs this meeting point, socially and economically. The tourist hub will also create an important transport link between Sydney, Newcastle Pokolbin, Cessnock, Wollombi, Broke & Singleton, an extra reason to come via Broke and increase the visitors to our LGA. Tourism is an important sector to our area, increasing visitation will help to overcome our reliance on income from fossil fuel industries in our LGA.

From a heritage point of view, the artist impression & my visit to the site, show a stunning main building with beautiful out buildings, it will certainly make an impact and encourage people to call in, the building can be used to enhance existing events in McNamara Park &

McTaggart Park like the Broke Village Fair, Broke Village Markets & Smoke in Broke, it will also improve the facilities in the park for the many campers who visit. If the building is moved on the Glendell Site for Offices, once the mine closes the building will be left in the middle of no where and will serve no purpose, in Broke the Heritage Building will live on for ever and be well used.

From an Indigenous point of view, Mt Yengo & Baiame Cave are significant to the Aboriginals of NSW. Like Uluru and the Aboriginals of Central Australia.

Broke Fordwich & the close by Wollombi Valley have important stories to tell about the indigenous heritage, Ravensworth House could accommodate an Indigenous Heritage Centre so that the story can be told, this could employ local indigenous and become a new tourist destination. The building could also be rented for a Tourist Information centre, providing a service and generation income from rent & events.

To summarise, I support the extension of the Glendell Mine Site. I feel that existing mines should be able to continue mining rather than opening new sites. Mining will contract over time and be replaced by more renewable energy sources; however we still need mining to support our energy needs while we transition. Ravensworth House on the extension site is of Heritage interest to me, I would like to see that it is cared for by moving it to the Broke Village, where its heritage and beauty will live on, and benefit many for years to come.

Thank You