

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**RE: GLENDELL CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT (SSD-9349) AND MOUNT OWEN
CONTINUED OPERATIONS MOD 4 PROJECT (SSD-5850-MOD-4)**

To Whom It May Concern (Independent Planning Commission),

I write to provide my support on behalf of my business Whispering Brook Pty Ltd of the **BROKE VILLAGE SQUARE TRUST**, and their project to relocate Ravensworth House from its current location in the open cut coal mining area near Ravensworth, Hunter Valley, to the proposed site in Broke Village.

Whispering Brook is an artisan winemaking, cellar door, large guesthouse and integrated agri-tourism business located in Broke Fordwich NSW. My business directly employs several people and several contractors.

The NSW Wine industry is increasingly reliant on the tourism industry, and we have seen large growth in this area despite Covid and the lack of international tourism. We see regional tourism as the growth engine for the NSW Wine Industry. This will result in a large increase in jobs in regional NSW above the already 53,000 employed in the industry.

I also acknowledge that this project has the strong support of both the local wine and tourism industry association (the Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association) and also the Singleton Council who recently passed the motion:

“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.”

The relocation of Ravensworth house will provide Broke with a central tourism location which will assist the wine tourism venues in the local area (which are acknowledged to be a 15-20 drive from the central vineyards and tourism area in the neighbouring Pokolbin district). The Broke area is a significant contributor to the Hunter Valley Wine Industry and has a strong viticultural and historic contribution to the area (and I personally was a student at Broke Primary school back in the 1970's).

Finally, I would like to endorse the work done to date by Stewart Ewen OAM and the rest of the team in the Broke Village Square Trust

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Frazier on telephone 0412158165 or via email info@whispering-brook.com

I strongly support the Broke Village Square Trust's application, and your favourable consideration would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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