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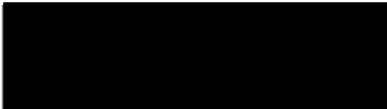
**Re: Glendell Continued Operations - SSD 9349 and SSD 5850 Mod 4**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed my submission to the Independent Planning Commission on the matter of the Glendell Continued Operations - SSD 9349 and SSD 5850 Mod 4.

I would like to state here that I object to the Glendell Continued Operations - SSD 9349 and SSD 5850 Mod 4 and urge the Independent Planning Commission to reject it.

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Marjorie E. Martin

## Submission

### Glendell Continued Operations – SSD 9349 and SSD 5850 Mod 4

Dear Madam/Sir,

I **OBJECT** to this mine expansion and urge the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) to refuse the Glencore application.

In 2019/2020 Australia suffered through the horror and destruction of the Black Summer bushfires. The country has to still recover from this event yet soaring temperatures in Western Australia and flooding of the ages in coastal New South Wales and Queensland illustrate that the Black Summer bushfires were not a one-off event. Climate change is a very real and present danger here in Australia. The climate crisis is an existential threat to New South Wales, to the whole of Australia and the world. Australia is particularly vulnerable to climate change. The link between climate change and the use of fossil fuels causing it is clear. Therefore, the threat of climate change to this country is the reason the IPC must reject this application for coal mine expansion.

Glencore itself has admitted that the Glendell mine development would be consistent with the IPCC's high emissions "A2" scenario. This is projected to result in approximately 3.4°C warming by 2100. This would be a catastrophic level of global heating resulting in the destruction of the Earth environment we depend on to live in and the end of the human race. The IPC must reject this application so Australians have a chance of surviving this dilemma.

The International Energy Agency was very clear in its 2021 landmark report. To hold global warming at 1.5 degrees they explicitly excluded the development of new coal, oil and fossil gas reserves. In other words, no credible path to 1.5 degrees exists without an immediate halt to the development of new coal mines. The extension to the Mount Owen Glendell coal mine represents a development of new coal reserve. To have a chance of keeping global warming under 1.5 degrees the IPC must follow the International Energy Agency's exclusion of new coal mines and reject the Glendell mine extension.

Once again yet another company shows no respect for the First Nation's people and their heritage of this Country they have occupied, nurtured and shepherded for over 50,000 years. Glencore wants to expand its Mount Owen Glendell coal mine through an area containing unconsecrated Aboriginal graves. The Plains Clan of the Wonnarua People are fighting to protect this area. It is a colonial estate said to be the location of a massacre of Wonnarua people in 1826. It is unthinkable to use this site for an open cut coal pit. The IPC must protect this heritage by rejecting the mine expansion.

The Glendell extension would dig up the remainder of the Ravensworth Estate and displace the Ravensworth Homestead. The Heritage Council has warned that both events would be catastrophic for the heritage of the state of New South Wales. Heritage NSW describes the area as a "*rare and exceptionally intact colonial homestead complex and cultural landscape of state heritage significance that tells the story of shared Aboriginal and European heritage in the Hunter Valley, including early conflict, the development of pastoralism and the convict labour system.*" This area must not be ripped up to expand a coal mine. The IPC must reject the application to preserve this part of Australian history.

I cannot believe that the NSW Department of Planning thinks that a hundred or so million of tonnes of additional coal is worth the intergenerational theft, loss and desecration of the Hunter and New South Wales' irreplaceable heritage this extension will cause. IPC, reject this application.

**The Hunter Valley has lost so much of its heritage to the blight of open cut coal mines. Please reject Glencore's Mount Owen Glendell expansion project. No new coal releases in New South Wales.**

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