## Dear IPC members

I am writing to offer my full support for a decision to stop the Glendell mine expansion and save the Ravensworth Estate.

Too often have we seen the trampling of cultural heritage - PARTICULARLY Aboriginal cultural heritage - for short-term economic gain in mining and/or fracking.

I have read the transcript of the meeting between IPC and Heritage and agree fully with the suggestion that non-Aboriginal people would be horrified at the thought of moving the Hyde Park Barracks elsewhere to allow housing development on very valuable real estate.

Why then should we countenance destruction of the Ravensworth cultural heritage for the same reason and destroy a potential opportunity for further reconciliation and understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people?

In regard to Glencore's proposal to remove the homestead and outbuildings to another site, it's clear from the transcript that this would be an extremely difficult task as parts of the building materials are so fragile. It would be almost impossible to have a 100% successful relocation.

As Mr Meredith (Heritage) commented: "It's a huge undertaking and I just – I can't understand what we are trying to achieve by moving a building. When you go (on country) – when you learn about country you learn about that, you experience country. You have to be on country to understand and learn the songs and the stories of country. So this is an extremely important area and one that's untouched or – well, you know, we've had the agricultural pursuits there but relatively untouched from a mining or ground disturbance perspective and as Tim mentioned earlier, around the homestead you will have subsurface archaeology."

I am fully in support of the Commission refusing Glencore's application to expand the Glendell mining operation to include the Ravensworth estate.

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