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Richard Emery

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Janet Donald

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I cannot understand why the Department of Planning & Environment would even be considering this expansion proposal by the Castlereagh Coal mine. The Ben Bullen pagoda landscape and its surrounding buffer woodland area is ancient, fragile and beautiful. It's true value to us all would be better recognised by preserving and conserving this unique, incredible environment, not only for future generations of people to experience, but at the very least for the protected habitat and biosphere it provides for flora and fauna, some of which are endangered. This kind of visionary investment will be much more significant in the long-term (including in monetary terms), than any short-lived economic gains to be had by the mine, and which we know in reality, will only benefit a limited few for limited period.

The very idea of encroaching on and potentially compromising such a sensitive landscape to irreversible damage by furthering the life of an out-moded, highly polluting industry, (particularly in this era when we are coming to grips with the devastating effects of human-induced global environmental degradation, destruction and the consequences of climate change), is ultimately selfish, very short-sighted and is simply a risk we shouldn't be taking. Surely we can do better than this?

Let's not kid ourselves, once these places are gone they are lost forever. No amount of rehabilitation can restore them. Now, more than ever, we must apply real wisdom and integrity in the decision making process and stop repeating dumb mistakes.

The Commission may publish my name, location and this submission. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mining proposal.

Yours sincerely,
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