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Yours sincerely,
Stephen Lewis

Friday, December 1, 2017 - 11:17
Mr Paul Forward
Chairperson
Planning Assessment Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Forward,

Submission Opposing the Department of Planning and Environment recommendation
- Invincible Extension Project 07_0127 MOD 5 (D490/17)

I object to the proposed modification of the Invincible coal mine. Open-cut coal mining should not recommence in this sensitive part of the Gardens of Stone region. In October 2014 the Commission said that the “highest and best use of the area is for conservation purposes” and that ruling is not changed by the Department of Planning and Environment's (the Department's) recommendation.

It would be inappropriate to reverse the Commission's 2013 and 2014 decisions that had rejected open-cut mining in this 50 hectare area, as well as other areas of public forest. I strongly oppose this Department's recommendation to expand the open-cut area and continue coal production for eight years. As Commissioners' would appreciate, approval of this modification is likely to lead to incremental mine development, and the Department of Planning and Environment is opposed to a series of incremental increases in open-cut coal mining in the Ben Bullen State Forest.

Manildra (Castlereagh Coal) has made the open-cut proposal small (50ha) while at the same time it has applied for access to coal resources in 1,368 hectares around the proposed mine site. Manildra has been granted coal exploration licences Nos. 8618 and 8619 over much of the Ben Bullen State Forest that is of high conservation value. When the modification is read in this context it is obvious that it is not a different proposal from the proposals previously rejected for this mine site.

Coal from Manildra’s open-cut Invincible mine will be more expensive in terms of overall costs, when the environment is taken into account, than coal from existing operating mines that can meet the requirements of Manildra's Bomaderry plant.

Approving Manildra’s 50 hectare open-cut proposal will impose adverse environmental outcomes upon this outstanding natural area. The true cost of damage to the natural environment cannot be compensated by offsets, contrary to the assertions made by the Department.

The Ben Bullen pagoda landscape is unique, irreplaceable and covers a small area of which the woodlands affected by the proposed Invincible open-cut mining operation is a key part. The modification proposal is a key part of the only area where grassy tableland woodlands adjoin pagodas. This woodland is an integral part of this pagoda landscape and its loss will compromise this beautiful pagoda landscape.

The Planning Assessment Commission correctly observed in 2012 and confirmed 2014 that the pagoda landscape consists of the pagodas and woodlands below
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Yours sincerely
Fiona McClymont

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