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Subject: Submission opposing the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of Invincible Colliery 07_0127 Mod 5 (D490/17)
Date: Monday, 4 December 2017 6:22:56 AM

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Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
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Nigel Abbott

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To whom it may concern,

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Dr Paul Smith PhD

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Monday, December 4, 2017 - 00:33

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To: [PAC Enquiries Mailbox](#)
Subject: Submission opposing the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment of Invincible Colliery 07_0127 Mod 5 (D490/17)
Date: Monday, 4 December 2017 12:30:43 AM

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Erin Balfour

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Yours sincerely, Kerry Down

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Regards

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It's high time more thought be given to the urgent need preserving as much of nature as we can. We do not need more destruction especially from coal.

Yours sincerely,

Josie Thomas

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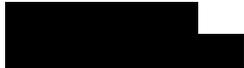
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Let's work on a sustainable future without coal!

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Anthony Powell

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Date: Sunday, 3 December 2017 8:14:59 PM

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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

them. The pagoda rock features cannot be considered in isolation from the surrounding woodlands that are proposed to be mined. The buffer debate was part of the previous PAC review and determination that refused consent.

Further, ecosystems cannot be replanted after open-cut mining. The proposed biodiversity offsets do not replace the unique Ben Bullen pagoda landscape. The proposed offsets are irrelevant to conservation of this pagoda landscape.

Please uphold the previous decisions of the PAC. No new evidence or Departmental analysis has come forward that could overturn the last PAC determination. Refuse consent for the proposed Invincible mine, modification 5 as the applicant and Department of Planning and Environment have not provided any basis to overturn the past decision regarding these matters.

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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