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Attention: The Honourable Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning & Environment and Public Spaces.
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Dear Minister,

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-planning-and-homes/>**Re: Submission of Objection to the Proposed Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Storage Proposal: Application Number SSI-12422997, EPBC ID Number 2020/8850, Assessment Type; Critical State Significant Infrastructure. Exhibited as: (EXH-62250958)**

Thank you for making available and exhibiting the DA, EIS and accompanying documents, as well as the opportunity to provide a Submission of objection to the proposed Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Storage Development Application.

There are several reasons why I am strongly opposed to this proposal. These are –

- **Destruction of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites**, with 12 sites recognised as being partially or fully destroyed.
- **The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) was inadequate** and rushed in my opinion
- **Water quality issues** with the known presence of arsenic and antimony in the vicinity.
- **Water quantity issues** with the proposed removal of 6 gigalitres of water from the Macleay River, that is currently showing signs of running dry upriver.

I am a Macleay Valley woman and have lived at Fredrickton for 24 years with Dunghutti Grandchildren. I want the best for their future.

From review of the Development Application submission, EIS, the October 2016 GHD Report for NSW Department of Industries – Derelict Mines – Macleay Catchment Arsenic and Antimony Assessment Stage 2 and 2a (21/23815) and the NSW Government AdaptNSW Interactions Climate Change Projections Map, my concerns are that the water quality and quantity will be adversely affected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this Submission of objection. I plan to add to my submission over the next 4 weeks, so please take this as my initial submission.

Yours sincerely