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Dear Minister

Mines are just too greedy. We cannot keep destroying the land without consequences. The proposed planting of trees will just create a fuel load and a death trap for the future generations. We have a world crisis in terms of food supply. We will end up with an ugly and deep void of water which is useless to anyone. It will have such a great big hole we will end up with a dangerous area. Aboriginal people burnt the land to manage it. The proposal is short sighted and dangerous. The location of the mine between small pockets of communities is concerning. Take the lessons of Victoria in terms of fire hazard. The Company needs to come up with a better solution for future land use. They should be made to work with the Aboriginal community to develop this. We should be actively involved not excluded.

The mine has a consultation community committee there isn't any representation of Aboriginal people and Traditional Owners on this. How can we truly influence the future land use if we cannot sit down with our non-Aboriginal neighbours? How can community committees understand the issues being confronted by Aboriginal people if we don't have a seat at the table to discuss them?

I can't believe that all that work and agreement last time to save and conserve areas is now up for destruction. State government is complacent- what is the role of your department and OEH if you will not protect what is important to us? Decide wisely we also have rights and we vote.

Save and protect the Loders Creek Grinding grooves this is our culture and heritage you are deciding on. Not a stone or rock.

Yours sincerely

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