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Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask that you review the application for approval very carefully as there are special cultural heritage sites which if approved will be damaged. As Aboriginal people we feel pretty voiceless in the EIS process. While we are not against mining and work with companies all the time to salvage what we can from areas. Sometimes the plan of a mine is just too great an impact. We have and other people in the community including our elders who have passed. Have tried to save the grinding groove sites at Bulga. We lost the battle over BMU1 grinding groove site which leaves the Loders Creek grinding grooves as the only set of grinding grooves in what we call the Vere.

The conservation area where the Loders creek grinding grooves was supposed to be managed for the next generations yet here some years later having them put forward to you for their destruction. We need to be heard and respected by government. The economics of today should not be the primary driver for decisions. Please save our grinding grooves.

In the ACHA report we do not believe the options to remove the grinding grooves should happen. Once you touch them they will be destroyed and our ancestors footprints gone ...gone forever. The mine had to go around them last time they need to go around them again.

Please do not approve the Xstrata Coal Bulga projects application for approval unless they change their footprint and save Loders Creek Grinding grooves

Yours sincerely J Cohen

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