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Mount Owen Continued Operations Project – Forestry Corporation Response

Forestry Corporation (previously the Forestry Commission of NSW) has had a long association with the Mt Owen Complex of mines. Beginning with the rehabilitation of the Swamp Creek mine in the early 1990's and ongoing since the consultation in relation to clearing and the commencement of mining of Ravensworth State forest in 1995.

The current proposed continued operations project avoids disturbance of the remaining pre-existing forested section of Ravensworth State forest. Forestry Corporation has no objections to the proposed final rehabilitation land form, as the progressing rehabilitation will alleviate any concerns in relation to a void being left on the state forest following mining.

On completion of the continued operations proposal, following final rehabilitation, Forestry Corporation is of the opinion that serious consideration should be given to the dedicated State forest area being reserved under another tenure such as National Park or State conservation area to preserve the remanent spotted gum forest contained within the forested section of Ravensworth state forest.



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