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Dear Mr Fittell

Presentation to Heritage Council meeting of 6 October 2021 by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the State Significant Development (SSD) Glendell Continued Operations Project relating to Ravensworth Homestead

Thank you for your request dated 14 September 2021 inviting further comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on new information in relation to the economic viability of the Glendell Mine provided by your independent experts for the above State Significant Development (SSD-9349) proposal.

The additional information that was considered by the Heritage Council includes:

- *Glendell Continued Operations Project – Additional Information for Consideration by Heritage Council of NSW*, 14 September 2021
- *Review of Glendell Continued Operations Project Mine Plan and Mine Plan Options*, Mine Craft Consulting, October 2020
- *Response to Minecraft Report - Glendell Continued Operations Mine*, Umwelt, August 2021.
- *Ravensworth Homestead* – Hector Abrahams Architects, 6 October 2021

At its meeting on 6 October 2021, the Heritage Council provided the following general comments following the presentations by DPIE and Hector Abrahams:

The Heritage Council of NSW:

1. Thanks Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for their presentation on the State Significant Development (SSD) Glendell Continued Operations Project relating to Ravensworth Homestead and notes its contents.
2. Notwithstanding the new information provided to the Heritage Council, the Council maintains its view that the importance of Ravensworth Homestead includes its role in frontier conflict and affirms its advice of 9 December 2020 and 5 February 2020.

The Heritage Council have asked that Heritage NSW follow up with DPIE regarding the Ravensworth Homestead and the information provided by DPIE to address the following issues:

1. The analysis of mining options does not provide a full analysis of an option for a 200m-300m buffer zone as proposed by Mine Craft Consulting.

2. Request an analysis of a staged approach that would:
 - a. Approve a mining plan with a less than 500m buffer zone, allowing coal to be accessed south and east of the homestead.
 - b. Add mitigation measures from blast and vibration, including a berm or blast barrier and structural vibration supports sufficient to preserve all the buildings.
 - c. Allow further stages to be revisited in 2030 - 35, that could access the resource on the north of the site should it prove economically viable at that time, to be valued as an option (with the relocation of the homestead)

3. Request a masterplan for the Ravensworth Cultural Landscape after mining in 2035 - 2045 with two scenarios:
 - a. The future stages do not proceed, and the landform is remediated with Ravensworth in situ.
 - b. The second stage does proceed, Ravensworth is relocated 650m and the landform is remediated.

If you have any questions regarding this advice on the additional information for the Glendell Continued Operations Project, please contact Senior Heritage Assessment Officer Tempe Beaven on (02) 9873 8629 or via email at Tempe.Beaven@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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