

"Forest Lodge"
Ben Bullen NSW 2790

18th March, 2025

The Director
Dept of Housing, Planning and Infrastructure

Dear Sir

Cullen Valley Mine DA200-5-2003 Mod 5
For continued operation cut mining for further five years till 19/8/2030.

Cullen Valley Mine has been on care maintenance for at least half of its life since approval in 2003 and recommenced mining on 2022 for a short period before transferring its operations to Invincible colliery leaving 400,000T of remnant coal to be extracted (less than 6 months extraction based on its approval of one million tonne per annum).

At a community consultation meeting before mining ceased, the meeting was told by the previous environmental officer that the mine (Cullen Valley) would close and all equipment would be moved (which did happen).

It would appear that the company wants 5 years to remove coal and to do the rehabilitation. Full rehabilitation is unlikely due to the lack of filling (Dirt) available on site. The area marked as North (on the map attached) requires a lot of work and where the proposed mining is to take place also requires fill (Dirt).

It is doubtful anywhere near 70 staff would be employed at Cullen Valley.

Should this be approved, it would appear that Cullen Valley mine will spend most of the five years on care maintenance.

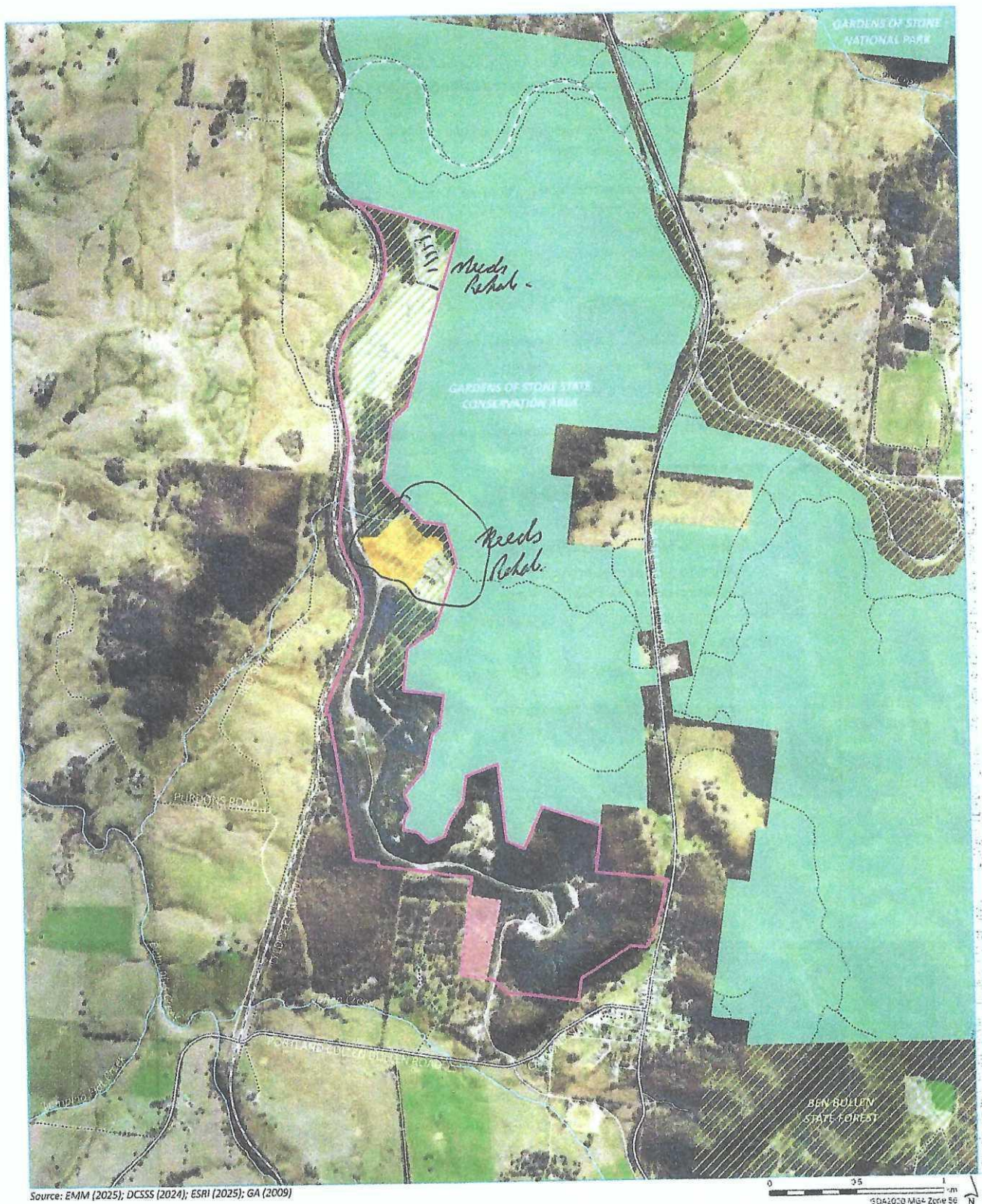
There is also a long-standing issue of spontaneous combustion in several areas which needs to be addressed.

The mess is already there. It needs to be cleaned up and will need strict supervision by the Authorities.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Reg Larkin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reg Larkin
Member of Community Constitution Committee.



KEY

- Proposed development consent boundary (DA 200-5-2003)
- Proposed addition to the development consent boundary
- Proposed mining area

- Existing environment
- Rail line
 - Major road
 - Minor road
 - Vehicular track
 - Named watercourse
 - NPWS reserve
 - State forest

Proposed modifications

Cullen Valley Mine Mod 5
Modification Report
Figure 3.1

