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Message for the Minister.

The Hon. Brad Hazzard BA, DipEd, LLB(NSW), LLM(Syd) MP

Dear Mr Hazard

I was shocked to learn recently that The Drip and its walking track and the southern cliff of the Corner Gorge which had been Crown Lease are now fully owned by the Moolarben Coal Mine. I was even more shocked to learn that they have rejected the proposal put forward by the community, the council and the government to include The Drip and Corner Gorges in its "offset package" as partial compensation for loss of biodiversity, riparian habitat and community amenity.

The Drip and Corner Gorges must be transferred to the Goulburn River National Park to ensure their long term protection for all to enjoy.

On a personal note I do not live in the Mudgee area but my family have been visiting the area every year (usually more than once a year) for nearly twenty years. The Drip is one of our favourite places and I cannot imagine not being able to visit it. We want our grandchildren and great grandchildren to be able to visit The Drip in years to come. Some of our grandchildren have been there with us but they are too young to remember. We want them to be able to take their children there so that they will understand what a special place it is and how much it meant to us when we are long gone.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Brown