

NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Invincible Colliery Part 3A Modification 4 - Mine Extension (07\_0127 MOD 4)**  
**I fully support the proposed modification at Invincible Colliery.**

This proposal will allow the people who lost their jobs to be able to go back to work, which is critical for the local community, at a time when many people are losing their jobs in this area.

I believe that this proposal has taken into account the feedback received from local residents as well as the environmental groups.

The annual average PM<sub>10</sub> dust concentrations at both of Coalpac's mine sites have in the past been kept well below the PM<sub>10</sub> annual average limit and it is interesting to note that since the mines were placed in care & maintenance, the annual average PM<sub>10</sub> dust concentrations have only reduced by a very small amount. I live very close to Invincible Colliery and have never had any problems with dust from the mine nor has my health been affected in any way.

The most recent blasting at Invincible Colliery was less than 1km from my home and the blasting for the mine extension proposal will continue within the same proximity. The vibrations from blasting have never caused me any problems, have not caused any structural damage to my home and are barely noticeable when blasting occurs. The noise impacts from the mine are insignificant and I am more aware of traffic noise from the highway, particularly at night.

The proposed open cut mining extension at Invincible Colliery remains more than 200m away from any potentially sensitive rock structures and is more than 3km away from the Gardens of Stone National Park.

The rehabilitation carried out at Invincible Colliery has been very successful. I have personally walked through the rehabilitation areas and seen the well-established native flora and the re-colonisation by a range of native woodland birds, mammals, reptiles and frogs. The rehabilitation areas have been reshaped and integrated into the existing hills, ridges and gullies and look very natural.

The Federal Government has already completed its assessment and has concluded that the minor proposed modifications to Coalpac's existing planning approvals for the mine would have no significant impact on any matter of environmental significance under its environmental protection legislation.

**I urge you to approve this modification as soon as possible and allow people to get their jobs back.**

Yours sincerely,