

Mining and Industry Projects  
NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
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Dear Madam/Sir:

Part 3A Modification4-Invincible Mine Extension (07\_0127 MOD 4) and  
Part 3A Modification 2- Cullen Valley Mine Extension (DA 200-5-2003 MOD 2)

With this letter I would like to state my strong objection to the proposed modifications to the Invincible and Cullen Valley coal mines. The public forest which contains this internationally significant pagoda landform complex is located on the western edge of the Great Dividing Range in Ben Bullen State Forest.

Coal from this area is of poor quality and there are much better quality coal resources available. Should the Coalpac proposal not proceed there is no evidence that electricity prices will increase. This is an untruth.

There are significant vegetation communities which would be destroyed by open cut mining.

The proposal fails to provide a 300 m buffer from the bottom of the pagoda rock formation which was recommended by the Planning Assessment Commission. The buffer would provide protection for threatened species.

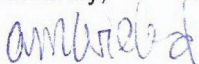
The adverse impact on residents would be significant such as noise, truck movements, dust, blasting. Water extraction would be greatly increased from 26 MI/year to 750 MI/year should the mine go ahead. But the proposal fails to address the ongoing fires underground and in waste heaps. It has not been sufficiently explained where the waste water will be pumped.

The Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment lacks credibility based on the mistakes of previous studies which were found to be lacking by missing important sites.

Diverse and complex ecosystems cannot be replanted on farmland especially after open cut mining. Coalpac's claim that this is possible is not credible. No mature woodland has ever been established in mine rehabilitation. Offsets for biodiversity are inadequate and cannot replace a Gardens of Stone Stage 2 Reserve.

I must declare that I have not made any donations to political parties in the last year.

Sincerely,

  
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Katoomba

