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

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

I object to the proposed modifications to the Invincible and Cullen Valley coal mines that will result in open cut coal mining.

I am concerned about the permanent impact of these developments on:

- The outstanding pagoda landform complex in Ben Bullen State Forest
- Grassy Box Woodland, a nationally endangered ecological community
- Threatened plants including the nationally endangered Clandulla geebung shrubs and threatened Capertee Stringybark trees. Biodiversity offsets do not credibly replace this loss.
- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- The health of the residents at Cullen Bullen from dust, noise, truck movements and blasting
- The extraction of large quantities of water

I believe the benefits of the development have been overstated and the impacts poorly assessed and documented.

Instead these parts of Ben Bullen State Forest should be protected as a national park to provide for permanent nature conservation and long-term public recreation and tourism benefits.

I am also concerned that only three weeks were provided for comment to this proposal, a period overlapping with school holidays and three public holidays. There needs to be greater public scrutiny for this major development.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cox

