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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: 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 write to strongly object to the above named proposed modifications to the Invincible and Cullen Valley coal mines.

Should they proceed, the proposed modifications would negatively and irreversibly impact the unique biodiversity, scenery and geological values in the area including the endangered Clandulla geebung shrubs and Capertee Stringybark trees. The proposal fails to provide a 300 metre minimum buffer which would provide essential protection for wildlife living in the area including the threatened broad headed snake, and it also fails to protect Aboriginal cave art sites in the proposed disturbance area. In addition, noise, truck movements, blasting and dust would adversely impact on the health and quality of life of residents in nearby Cullen Bullen.

Ecosystems cannot be replanted on farmland, most especially after open-cut mining. The proposed biodiversity offsets are completely inadequate, and cannot replace the Gardens of Stone Stage 2 reserve.

I urge you to reject this proposal and spare this beautiful area for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Juliet M. Foster

