

# Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group

## “Ravensthorpe Homestead Estate - NSW”



*A community-based group looking to address Environmental issues affecting Singleton Shire residents*

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We seek identification as to what is making our Children and Community Sick so they can be mitigated by OH&S Compliance Orders.

**SSHEG Focus on Health**

SSHEG is Not Anti Mining or Anti Power Stations

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### “Ravensthorpe Homestead Estate Shenanigans”

We view Cultural Heritage as apart of Mine Lease Rehabilitation from the Community Health Impact point of view; and this encompasses, Physical, Mental, Social, Sense of Place with recognition of our Ancestral (Aboriginal, Colonial, Convict & Emigrant) Heritage that is trampled upon and often destroyed especially by Open Cut Coal Mining in the Hunter Valley. (Attachment 1)

In the SSHEG Wambo – United Mines Submission we foreshadow that the “Cockfighters Valley Precinct” will form part the “NSW Patricks Plains State Significant Area#” to encompass the 1820’s Aboriginal, Colonial and Convict Significance as an adjunct of the Yengo and Wollomai National Parks, being an integral part of the UNESCO Greater Blue Mountains National Parks. (Attachment 2)

A somewhat tacit focus on Ancestral Heritage in Singleton Shire Council continues today: however the stark difference between the Heritage Conservation initiatives of the adjoining Cessnock, Maitland, and Muswellbrook Councils is compared to the underdeveloped Singleton Council support as displayed on Council web sites.

Ravensworth Homestead Estate is uniquely significant in its four Cultural Heritage entities; namely, Aboriginal, Colonial, Convict and Emigrants Heritage. It is these aspects that Glencore are attempting to circumvent their Obligations and Social Licence for Open Cut Mining in the Hunter Valley by a select and apparent secret Singleton Shire Committee. (Attachment 3).

The Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group involvement in the Hunter Valley Coexistence Debate is squarely focused on re-establishing the balance between Employment and Community Healthy Living. The Imbalance has resulted from the over-zealous expansion of Open Cut Mining since 2007 in an otherwise Culturally Heritage significant Rural Environment.

*Thanking you in anticipation of your acknowledgement, and  
Glencore's recognition that Ravensworth Homestead Estate along with  
Wambo Homestead Estate and others retains their Heritage  
significance due to their Environmental locality, now and in the future.*

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Attachment 1 “Mine Rehabilitation in Hunter Valley - Feb 2018”  
SSHEG Submission

Attachment 2 “Holistic Vision of Ancestral Heritage in Hunter Valley”  
- Patricks Plains State Significant Precinct  
SSHEG Wambo United Mine Submission Sept 2016

Attachment 3 SSHEG Email re Ravensworth Terms of Reference  
& Glencore reply 6 March 2018

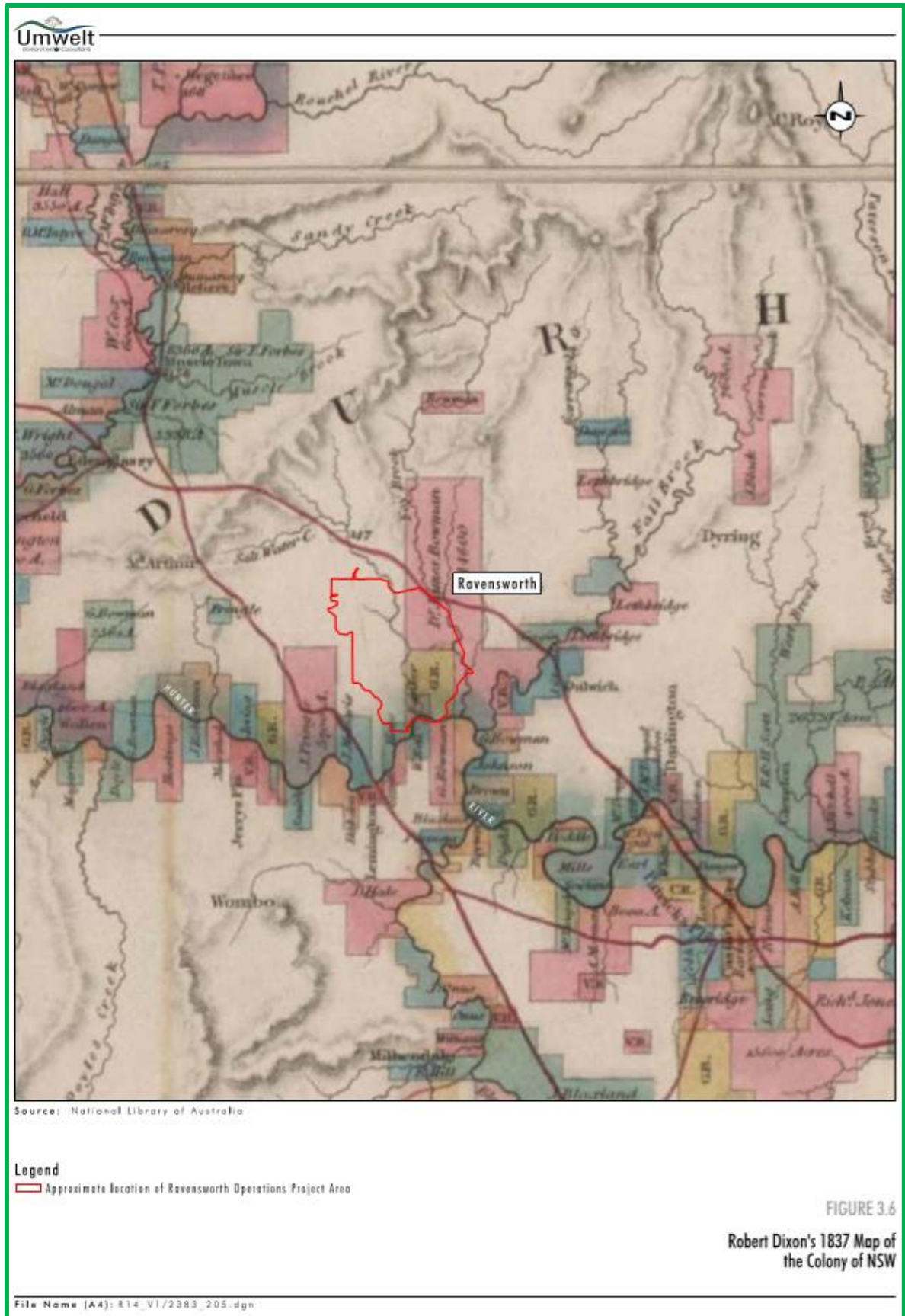




Figure 6 Aboriginal Archaeological Sites Registered on the AHIMS Database within and surrounding the Mount Owen Project area (Xstrata Mt Owen 2012)

