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To Whom it may concern,

Re Mine extension into Garden of Stone area

The 2000 ha sought for the extension to the mining lease of Centennial Coal, will undermine an area of unique landscapes and put at risk an area which was earmarked in the mid 1990s as an extension to the Garden of Stones National Park.

Of particular concern is the Hanging Swamps and other Threatened Ecological Communities. Long Wall Mining is listed as A Key Threatening Process under State and Commonwealth legislation.

While coal mining provides many positive benefits, it can also have a major impact on the environment. I therefore implore the Planning Department to uphold the laws of this government and reject the extension to the above mentioned extension.

Yours sincerely

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