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Mining and Industry Projects NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Dear Sir / Madam

I write on behalf of the Canberra Bushwalking Club (the Club) to express our concern about the Coalpac Pty Ltd Consolidation Project proposal in the Ben Bullen State Forest, adjoining the Gardens of Stone.

Whilst the Club is an Australian Capital Territory-based organisation, we have a strong interest in New South Wales. Many of our members live in surrounding parts of New South Wales. Also, many of the walks organised under the Club's auspices are in some of the most beautiful parts of New South Wales, such as Morton National Park, the Snowy Mountains, and the Blue Mountains.

We note that the proponents of the proposal submitted a revised environmental assessment in January 2012, an assessment deemed acceptable by your Department. However, the proposal for the Ben Bullen State Forest remains of significant concern to the Club.

I urge you protect of both the old growth forest in the Ben Bullen State Forest and the natural features of the Gardens of Stone by rejecting the proposal. This will ensure that these valuable areas, which provide habits for a range of native flora and fauna, including a range of endangered species, are protected for future generations.

Yours sincerely

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