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To whom it may concern,

SUBMISSION - MINE REHABILITATION

The Yallourn North Action Group Inc (YNAG) is the representative community organisation for Yallourn North and district residents. We are a proactive organisation and follow with interest circumstances and events that affect our municipality.

We therefore have closely followed developments in relation to the Hazelwood mine fire and the subsequent inquiry.

As you are aware, the Yallourn North township abuts the old Yallourn North mine which is within the Yallourn Mine complex, and which is currently utilised for ash settling ponds for the Yallourn Power Station. Yallourn North's history has been intertwined with coal mining for electricity generation from its beginning and residents respect the present industry that assists the economy in our area and our state. However, it is understood that the former mine site to the south east of our township will close at some time in the future.

We therefore, as representatives of the community, actively seek to ensure that this former mine is rehabilitated thoroughly in a manner that will positively benefit our township and the local environment.

Given the proximity to the township, a variety of socially and environmentally beneficial purposes could be considered for the former mine site which could include, but may not be limited to, recreational areas and parkland. Because of its history, the site could be invaluable as an adjunct to the Old Brown Coal Museum if it was redeveloped with imagination.

Because of the close proximity of the old Yallourn North mine site to the town and in the light of the Hazelwood mine fire, we do have considerable concerns in relation to bushfire mitigation and urge that any plantings at the site be appropriately planned with great care.

We view the closure and rehabilitation of the former Yallourn North mine site, as well as of other mines in the Valley, as being part of a long term overall and integrated process. Therefore, our committee and town residents desire consultation, consideration and involvement relating to the process as plans are developed for these areas.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Gaulton
Secretary

on behalf of the President and members of the Yallourn North Action Group



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