



Goulburn River Stone Cottages

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The Hon Barry O'Farrell, MP
Premier
Minister for Western Sydney
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Dear Premier,

To support the long term protection of the National Trust listed, 'The Drip' Gorge Upper Hunter Valley NSW our family is offering to donate a parcel of our freehold land bordering this significant groundwater dependent ecosystem (GDE) for inclusion into the Goulburn River National Park (LOT 51 DP720321 ~ 10 hectares).

We understand Moolarben Coal (MCO) is proposing a State Conservation Area over part of Lot 45 (DP750750) and the southern side of the Goulburn River, with only 0.75 hectares actually under National Park (see Map A).

Our freehold land Lot 51 shares a common boundary on the eastern side of The Drip block (Lot 45) and includes EPBC listed threatened ecological community - White Box, Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodlands.

This offer is conditional on our land Lot 51 plus the area currently proposed by MCO as State Conservation Area and including all of Lot 45 (The Drip block – See Map B) being transferred to National Park tenure and be protected from exploration and mining under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)*. Our offer stands for 12 months from the date on this letter.

We believe the extension of the Goulburn River National Park tenure through to the Ulan Road would give the community confidence that this irreplaceable landscape is fully protected from any future mining proposal. We are offering this land in response to the high level of public support for this area to be converted to National Park and in the hope it will be seen as an opportunity to secure permanent protection and public access to this iconic river gorge and Ground Water Dependent Ecosystem.

MCO has previously stated there are no plans to mine or tunnel beneath this area so there would not appear to be grounds for objection or further delay.

Yours faithfully,

Julia Mullins & Colin Imrie