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SUBMISSION - YALLOURN MINE REHABILITATION PLAN

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you on behalf of Destination Gippsland Ltd to make a submission with respect to the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) for the pending closure of Yallourn power station and coal mine.

In principle, we support the draft plan, in particular the vision to make the mine site safe, stable and sustainable by filling the mine voids with water with a view to creating a lake that locals and visitors can enjoy and wildlife calls home.

The Destination Gippsland *Toward 2030 Destination Management Plan* (DMP), outlined the opportunity presented by the closure for Tourism. The plan broadly identified the potential of both the Yallourn and Hazelwood closures to develop an 'Adventure Hub' for recreational and tourism purposes. The Adventure Hub would build on the already established Haunted Hills MTB trails, Rail Trails (Moe-Yallourn and the proposed Morwell to Boolarra), Blue Rock Motocross Track, the National Hill Climb Circuit, Yallourn and Moe Golf Clubs and Lake Narracan, where world class waterskiing and other water sports can be enjoyed. The DMP referred to a couple of game changing attractions, namely a Motorsport and Event Complex (considerable feasibility work undertaken by Latrobe City Council), and a man-made White Water Adventure Park (preliminary investigation led by the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association). With the Adventure Hub being located centrally within Gippsland, easily accessible by road and train and in proximity to economic hubs (Moe, Morwell and Traralgon), the vision would see locals and visitors alike enjoying a hub of thriving activity, a blend of exciting adventure activities and more relaxed recreational pursuits such as walking, bird watching or fishing, a raft of new events and the creation of Centres of Excellence whereby people can hone their craft, undertake training, hire equipment, take tours.

We believe that the vision outlined above would be a game changer for Gippsland and Latrobe Valley. Not only will it change hearts and minds on people's traditional views of the mining operations, but it will also create significant economic benefits and assist in transition from power to tourism.

Should you require more detailed information on the vision outlined above, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Your contact at Destination Gippsland is David Elder, Manager Events and Strategic Projects.

Destination Gippsland is the peak body for tourism in Gippsland responsible for marketing, events, industry and product development, infrastructure and investment priorities. Our organisation has the policy and financial support of six local governments, Parks Victoria, GLaWAC and Visit Victoria and is governed by a skills-based board.

Sincerely Yours,



Terry Robinson
Chief Executive Officer