

**INQUIRY INTO BENEFICIAL AND PRODUCTIVE POST-
MINING LAND USE**

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I am pleased to be given this opportunity to contribute to this enquiry on the Hunter Valley post-mining land use. I believe that the primary aim of any post mining land use should be of benefit to the local communities in terms of new environmentally sustainable jobs. Rehabilitation and land restoration standards must be maintained or enhanced. Mine leaseholders must retain long-term liability for failed rehabilitation.

I agree that the Hunter Valley needs an integrated landscape restoration plan, and a dedicated public authority to implement it. This plan should be developed and implemented by an independent, statutorily empowered and well-resourced public authority.