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Dear Sir

re. Conservation of Australia's Historic Places.

Further to our telephone conversation of Jan. 30th. - and the receipt of the documentation you sent - I more fully realise that our local heritage-worthy items do not actually fall within the specifications of your "built" and "of national interest" items.

However, I would like it on record. - SOMEWHERE - that the natural formation called the Glass House Mountains, together with the Matthew Flinders Park are both endangered. The Mountains face ever-increasing mining/quarrying and the Flinders site is to be erased/eliminated by the widening/straightening of the railway line. This latter is already underway, and although private property holders are being dealt with, to my knowledge, no sensible in-depth thought has been given to the matter of the Flinders site.

For what it's worth I attach a page which includes some descriptions, etc. of items I feel are worthy, including the two referred to above.

These two are unquestionably truly unique and of irreplaceable value to the nation.

Sincerely,

Robert G Goligher

Places and Buildings of Heritage Value in and around the
Township of Glass House Mountains, Qld.

- Glass House Mountains Railway Station: Opened Feb. 1890 as Coonowrin, (with later name change(s) - it is a standard timber late 19th. Century plan with a mono-plane roof and platform shelter.
- Community Hall: Originally the 1916 School of Arts, this building is not a holding of the local council, and is in constant use for a variety of functions.
- Matthew Flinders Monument: A cairn-type monument in Matthew Flinders Reserve on Glass House Mountains Road. It was erected - I believe - by the Royal Historical Society of Qld. together with the D.M.R., to commemorate the 1899 visit by Capt. Flinders.
- Glass House Mountains: About 1780ha and 0.5km. west of Beerburrum, comprising the following:
 - i. five lots that are part of the Glass House Mountains National Park. All are part of Lot 127 NPW640. The five lots are centred on Mt. Coochin, Mt. Beerwah, Coonowrin, Ngungun, and Tibrogargan. All other Lots that are part of Glass House National Park are not included.
 - ii. The three lots that make up Lot 569 AP6213FR are centred on Tunbudla, Beerburrum, and Tibberoowuccum

The whole area is irreplaceable and while no Camping is permitted in the Parks - mining/quarrying goes on incessantly.

Why "separate" National Parks and not the entire area ?