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Ebenezer open-cut coal mine near Ipswich battle heads to Supreme Court in Brisbane

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Opponents to the Ebenezer open-cut coal mine near Ipswich will take their fight to the Supreme Court on Friday.

Flight Centre managing director Graham Turner, who also owns Spicers Hidden Vale resort, is heading the campaign with community groups opposed to the mine restarting operations.

Lawyers for the mine opponents plan to submit that the Government had no legal right to renew OGL Resources Limited's lease on the abandoned Ebenezer coal mine.

Mr Turner said there was no community consultation before the mining licence was renewed.

“Reopening this open cut mine so close to the closely settled communities of Amberley, Ebenezer and Rosewood would be quite detrimental to the local community,” he said.

OGL Resources also has a Mineral Development License (MDL) to mine a further 9,202ha of privately owned land, known as the Bremer View Coal Project, near Mr Turner's Spicers Hidden Vale resort in the Fassifern Valley.

Mr Turner said the area was in a well-known koala habitat corridor, with the population in the area in “dire straits”.

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