

# Mandalong Community Association Inc

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Dear Mr Barnes

## **Re: Mandalong Southern Extension Project (SSD 5144 MOD8)**

Thankyou for the opportunity to present a submission to the Department regarding the MOD 8 RTS submission. The Mandalong Community Association (MCA) have considered the response and would like to raise two main points.

- Local employment
- Traffic and social impacts

The MCA are satisfied regarding the visual impact provided the commitments to maintain and nurture the visual screen plantings in perpetuity.

### **Local Employment**

Centennial have offered to inform the Mandalong community of employment opportunities for 'suitably qualified applicants'. The clearly stated intention of our submission was to provide opportunities for those in the community whom would like to reskill and/ or enter the industry. There is a pool of 25,309 people in the 2264 postcode area as of June 2018 and this population is growing strongly.

To achieve the aim of our submission we want:

**Six 'cleanskin' positions created and identified throughout all aspects of the operation annually.  
The creation and fulfilment of these positions to be included in the Annual Report**

The annual report should include details of the proportion of employees recruited from

1. Mandalong
2. Cooranbong, and
3. Morisset areas.

Note that employees recruited from the Morisset area and the Morisset Peninsula could be encouraged to use Deaves Road instead of Mandalong Rd at the end of Monday to Friday shifts.

It is assumed that Centennial comply with the maximum travel limits for employees guidelines for the mining industry.

### **Traffic**

The adjustment of shift times to alleviate peak traffic particularly in the afternoons on Mandalong Rd east, is appreciated. However; note that the analysis of traffic impacts on this section of road should have been done in the first instance.

Whilst the social impact assessment included in the RTS finds only benefits for the community, there is no detailed analysis of the direct impact on the Mandalong Cooranbong Morisset communities. Here we are particularly thinking of the existing impact of traffic on the eastern section of Mandalong Road in the afternoon weekday period, and the role of Centennials current employees play in the failure of this section of road. Whilst we believe that this is a larger issue which needs also to be addressed by the RMS and Lake Macquarie Council, Centennial could assist by applying pressure to these Govt bodies to develop a traffic alleviation strategy.

It would be appropriate to acknowledge the impact of Centennials operation at Mandalong on the local community. The definition of local should be refined to the relevant postcode not LGA's, for example an employee based in Charlestown is in no way local to Mandalong. A subsection of any social impact assessment should focus on the relevant postcode, as impacts such as traffic are very local and the financial input to the immediate community is minimal (although this is difficult to ascertain from the RTS).

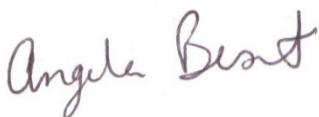
The MCA would also like all future social impact assessments to at least acknowledge the historical social impact of the operations in terms of the loss of social cohesion due to property acquisitions. Subsidence has caused ongoing issues for individual landholders (which does stress some impacted) and community infrastructure such as Mandalong Road (west).

### **Conclusion**

We do wish to work with Centennial to build a strong local community. If this is to occur, we do expect Centennial to provide, proactive consideration to the Mandalong community. We hope to involve Centennial in future projects such as the development of a community space in the old RFS shed. We also would like to develop a local produce / seasonal supply of fruit, vegetables, eggs etc, to the Mandalong mine workforce. By working together, we can develop a constructive relationship.

Mandalong should benefit from Centennials presence.

Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Angela Besant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President

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