

## Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for James Davison (support)

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**Content:**

I have been working at Bengalla since 2006 and support this proposal to continue to operate Bengalla. During this time I have seen a very proactive approach taken by Bengalla to safety, environmental management and community engagement.

Examples of the community support and engagement include the completion of the Bengalla Link Road upgrade at a cost of almost \$8 million, support for the Muswellbrook show, Muswellbrook Open Art Prize, Muswellbrook PCYC, Bengalla Race Day, and the Upper Hunter Wine and Food Affair. Bengalla opens its doors to the public every two years with a community open day which includes a bus tour of the mine, to improve the public's knowledge of the mine and allow people to ask questions about the mining operation. It also allows for a close interaction between Bengalla personnel and the community to hear and respond to any concerns.

From an environmental perspective Bengalla have proven the ability to operate in an environmentally sensitive manner. This includes the use of sound attenuated equipment, a Real Time Environmental Monitoring System, ISO 14001 certified environmental management system and timely completion of rehabilitation (including the Eastern overburden emplacement area closest to town).

The development proposal outlined will allow the continuation of Bengalla Mine to occur. The proposal involves Bengalla moving West (away from Muswellbrook) while continuing to use the same mining methods to continue to operate in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. The proposal involves mining on land owned by Bengalla and Coal & Allied. It also involves utilising the existing infrastructure with some upgrades to continue to operate efficiently.

The existing workforce (myself included) need this proposal to be approved to continue to have a job. I live in Muswellbrook with my wife and young family. If this proposal is not successful then we would probably need to leave Muswellbrook to seek work.

It is my view that the proposal should be supported to allow the continuation of Bengalla Mine. Bengalla continues to be a responsible corporate citizen and it is important that the operation is allowed to continue.

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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project  
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