

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Thomas Cartwright (support)

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I am a relatively new resident of the town of Muswellbrook as I only moved to the Upper Hunter in February of 2013. In the 8 months that I have lived in the area, it is easily observed that Muswellbrook has a big connection with the surrounding coal mines, notably, Bengalla Mine (Rio Tinto) and Mt Arthur (BHP). Both of these company's logos can be seen all over the town, from the main shopping centre, to the golf club, to the sports ground.

The mining industry in and around Muswellbrook creates an astounding amount of economic activity and is the lifeblood of the borough. The companies that operate these mines are proud of the work and activity that they provide in the region and strive to maintain a close and open relationship with the community.

I believe that this development proposal deserves my upmost support. There is a much bigger picture to take into account when considering the impact on Muswellbrook and the surrounding area if Bengalla mine were to shut operations in 2017. It is not just the immediate employees one must consider, but also everyone and everything involved in supporting the mine. One must also consider the jobs and activity that come from supporting everyone that is involved with the mine. Hair dressers, teachers, supermarkets, pharmacists, doctors, nurses, restaurants; the list goes on. I know for a fact that Bengalla employs mostly local workers, and these workers have a strong and proud connection with the surrounding area.

Roughly 70% of the world's electricity comes from fossil fuel sources. With recent incidents in the nuclear industry turning people away from the power of the atom, thermal coal is a commodity that will be in demand for decades to come. Why not let the Upper Hunter and Muswellbrook reap the economic benefits of a strong mining industry? With the Hunter Valley having some of the strictest environmental regulations in the world, I am highly confident that Muswellbrook and Bengalla Mining can have a synergic and sustainable relationship for the foreseeable future beyond 2017.

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 Submission: Online Submission from Thomas Cartwright (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=74307

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
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