

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/10/2013 9:05 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I support the Bengalla application to continue mining beyond its current approval limit. Bengalla is a good supporter of the local community and will continue to provide employment opportunities to the local area and as result the local economy.

IP Address: cpe-124-184-231-106.lns11.cht.broadband.net.au - 124.184.231.106

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77964

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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**Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for
(support)**

of Bengalla Mining Company

From:  
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/27/2013 11:07 AM
Subject: Submission Details for of Bengalla Mining Company (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:
Organisation:
Email:

Address:

Singleton Heights , NSW
2330

Content:

I am writing to support the Bengalla Mining Company Continuation.

I have been employed at Bengalla for 2 years. This company provides employment to 400 employees and numerous contractors in the local area. The continuation of the mine will look to secure approximately 500 additional roles for the local area.

I relocated to the Upper Hunter from Newcastle in 2011. When relocating to the area I was very impressed by the amount of support and presence Bengalla provides to the local and surrounding communities. In my role at Bengalla I have volunteered my time to the local community for things such as pathways for girls, speaking at local career days and completing mock interviews for high school students.

The continuation of Bengalla Mine past 2017 will not only provide secure employment but it will also ensure that employees continue to contribute to the local and surrounding communities.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from of Bengalla Mining Company (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76998

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/25/2013 2:00 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Organisation:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook , NSW
2333

Content:

Bengalla has contributed a great deal to Muswellbrook over the last 14 years with opportunity's for a wide range of people. The impact of Bengalla from an environmental point of view has been very minimal with the mine consistently operating above the guidelines.

IP Address: cpe-121-218-162-242.lnse4.clt.bigpond.net.au - 121.218.162.242

Submission: Online Submission from (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76866

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/22/2013 10:14 PM

Subject: Submission Details for `



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Scone, NSW
2337

Content:

I have been working at the Bengalla Coal Mine for about 5 years. Bengalla has provided my young family with security that not a lot of other industries can offer. It has allowed us to give our children a better education and a great environment to grow up in.

The Hunter Valley is a wonderful area, not only has it got diversity in having the Mining Industry and the horse industry, it provides a strong base where our kids can grow up knowing that there is a future in the valley.

To this, I hope that Bengalla can continue into the future so not only that I can provide for my family, but my kids can also provide for their family as well.

IP Address: pa122-110-91-83.pa.nsw.optusnet.com.au - 122.110.91.83

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76564

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Company (support)

of

From:**To:** "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >**Date:** 10/10/2013 9:40 PM**Subject:** Submission Details for

Planning &
Infrastructure

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

Hi,

I am writing a submission in support of the submission as I feel it is the right thing to allow Bengalla Mining Company to continue its legacy of environmentally conscious and community minded production of coal products.

I have worked in the coal industry and liaised with the industry for more than 6 years. In that time, I have been working for Bengalla Mining Company for almost 2 and a half years as a CHPP Production Planner. In my position, all coal products pass through me on the way to the train load out and onto external stockpiles. At every stage of the process from mine to the customer, I have been impressed with BMC's commitment to not only supporting the environment and community, but constantly trying to achieve the most from the resource in order to maximise returns for both the Joint Venture partners and also through the Commonwealth and local community through relevant taxes, community events and royalties. The environment and community is discussed daily in meetings and at every stage of decision making and strongly influences everyday business decisions, with production sometimes taking a back seat in order to deliver the best conditions and outcomes for the local residents.

I relocated to Muswellbrook in order to work here, and I feel my story is an example of the way the mine workers have come here and contributed to the community. I purchased property here, I purchase local goods, my kids are in local daycare/preschool and support local people and businesses in my everyday shopping choices supporting the community. I have had a son at the local hospital and got to know local residents through the PCYC and Rotary clubs. This shows the trans-formative powers and local community support provided by workers of mines such as BMC and that if BMC were to shut down, these contributions would be lost. On the other hand, if expansion was to occur, these contributions would increase through more full time employees further benefiting the local community.

In terms of expansion work, I have already seen the way that BMC has performed in recent expansion work in 2011 and how the environment and community was a big part of that process in the management of water and dust, vibration and visibility of the mines activities.

I am confident that BMC would deliver the same standard of upgrade in the future and would also minimise interruption to the local environment and community and that is why I am writing you today in support of it.

IP Address: 124-169-134-169.dyn.iinet.net.au - 124.169.134.169

Submission: Online Submission from

(support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77968

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/20/2013 11:45 AM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



**Planning &
Infrastructure**

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Organisation:

Email:

Address:

2328 NSW

Content:

i support the continuation of the begalla mine because being employed through them helps me to proved for my family

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=10449

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for ^{NS} (support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/17/2013 9:39 AM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I want Bengalla to get the extension of mining as i am employed by Bengalla and my wife has started a business in Muswellbrook and she also volunteers at local charities in muswellbrook. We moved here 2 years ago and love it , my children go to St James school and it would be a great shame to have to leave the area if approvals are not given to Bengalla. They are a great company to work for and do a lot for the local community. We live only 8 minutes from the mine and it is great to see all the rehabilitation work going on as the mine progresses further to the west away from town. In closing we wish to live here and contribute to the local economy for many more years so we need the approval to be able to do that.

IP Address: - 139.218.233.101

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75507

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/9/2013 12:07 AM

Subject: Submission Details for : (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I would like to submit my support for the continuation of the Bengalla mine operation.

I have been a resident of Muswellbrook and an employee of Bengalla Mine for the past two years. During my time in Muswellbrook I have had the pleasure to be welcomed into a community that is passionate and very proud of its local mining history. I can say without question that I am equally proud to be employed by a company that is committed to the health, safety and future of its environment, its community and its employees.

IP Address: cpe-58-168-24-21.lns5.clt.broadband.net.au - 58.168.24.21

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77622

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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**Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for
(support)**

of

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/18/2013 2:49 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



**Planning &
Infrastructure**

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Organisation:

Email:

Address:

Singleton, NSW
2330

Content:

My Name is _____ and I support the continuation of Bengalla Mine. I have been an employee of the mine for the past six years and hope to continue to work there and live in the community into the future. My experience of working at Bengalla Mine is of a very safe workplace that has a major emphasis on environmental management. The site also is a large contributor to the community through the community development fund and community events like the Bengalla Bird Watch Event, Bengalla Cup at the Muswellbrook Race Club and the many other local community event organised, funded and run by the Bengalla Mine. The standard of environmental management at the site has proven to be of a high standard and the rehabilitation is very progressive.
I support the continuation of Bengalla Mine.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75908

(support)

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/10/2013 4:58 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I support the continuation of the Bengalla Mine as it will secure jobs in the local area and provide more when it is approved.

Bengalla has had many years in the area and its pit is moving away from town. The regeneration that has been done already is looking good and I look forward to the completion of the hill near the race course.

IP Address: - 206.48.240.166

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77947

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for**(support)****From:****To:** "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >**Date:** 9/21/2013 7:58 AM**Subject:** Submission Details for (support)

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333**Content:**

I am a member of the Muswellbrook community and also work in the mining industry. I believe that the proposal put forward by Bengalla is very positive for the State of NSW the hunter valley and the town of Muswellbrook. The reasons that I think this are that Bengalla have proven over the time that they have currently mined this resource to be a trustworthy and reliable partner with the community, the company has very high environmental standards and has on many occasions shut down operations to ensure the impacts on the local community were kept to a minimum. The Bengalla Mining company is always looking for ways to reduce its environmental footprint and will continue to do so. Bengalla currently employs around 400 full time staff and contractors this has a significant impact on the local economy bringing support jobs into the area also but also injecting funds into local sporting and community groups throughout the shire, Bengalla also support local students with scholarships and apprenticeships and have a strong presence in the area around a number of significant community events.

Bengalla have shown throughout the time of their current lease that they are able to effectively and efficiently mine and work with the community to improve our town and valley while supporting local business and families.

I will continue to support this industry and its leading companies that show world class leading environmental and mining practices that get the most out of our resources. I strongly believe that this is the best Coal mine and company in the hunter valley and they have shown through their actions that they do what they say they will do and act in a way that ensures the community and business all prosper into the future.

IP Address: cpe-110-146-150-115.knmii.knt.hiapond.net.au - 110.146.150.115

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76544

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for (support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/12/2013 5:01 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I am in favour of Bengalla to continue mining well into the future,as they provide alot of employment to the region.Bengalla provides money to local schools and various sporting teams,I am involved with a few sporting asociations and without Bengallas funding wouldn't exist.Without the mines in the area Muswellbrook will become a ghost town.I think muswellbrook region is perfect for mining as the topsoil in the region is very shallow and poor.

IP Address: cpe-124-183-136-254.lns15.ken hinnond.net.au - 124.183.136.254

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75191

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/12/2013 5:15 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

hi, my name is [redacted] and im 11 years old,
and im from muswellbrook south public school
bengalla mine helps our school out by fundrasing us,
it gives us the money to go on really cool excursions, get super cool sporting equipment.
i also play lots of sport on the weekend and bengalla sponsors lots of teams.

IP Address: cpe-124-183-136-254.lns15.ken.hi.nond.net.au - 124.183.136.254

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=/5193

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/12/2013 5:24 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

hi there, i go to Muswellbrook High School and Bengalla is our main sponsor of our school. They host career days for our school and surrounding schools in this area which is very beneficial to all students.

IP Address: cpe-124-183-136-254.lns15.ken.hi.nond.net.au - 124.183.136.254

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75195

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/12/2013 8:24 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



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Infrastructure

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I Support the continuation of Bengalla's mining project

IP Address: cpe-124-176-105-230.lns5.kpn.broadband.net.au - 124.176.105.230

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75202

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/23/2013 11:53 AM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Aberdeen, NSW
2336

Content:

I support the continuation of Bengalla as it contributes to the wider community with scholarships, donations and sponsors a variety of events in the local community, it also provides employment for a large number of permanent staff and contracting companies in the surrounding areas which in turn is a positive for the local economy. If Bengalla was to cease operation then I believe that the local community and surrounding areas will be impacted as the unemployment level will rise and people will be forced to leave the area to find employment in other communities.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76603

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(comments)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/11/2013 5:06 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (comments)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

Concerns we have about the Bengalla Continuation Project are the air quality (dust) and noise, and the culmination of 3 existing mines and one other proposed mine. We have lived on this property for 40 years, and during Bengalla's 15 years of mining we have had no reason to complain about Bengalla's mining activities. Although we have sighted the Environmental Impact Statement our concern is as mining progresses in a westerly direction the projections may be higher than anticipated and this may affect the property.

IP Address: cpe-124-183-97-246.ins14.ken.hiroad.net.au - 124.183.97.246

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=78064

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/18/2013 5:17 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I totally support Bengalla mine expansion. More jobs to be created. This company is a great supporter of the community and we support it.

IP Address: - 101.171.127.246

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76143

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

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From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/18/2013 5:13 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



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Infrastructure

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I support the continuation & expansion of Bengalla Mine. It provides much needed jobs for the area.

IP Address: - 101.171.127.246

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76141

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/11/2013 9:03 AM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Singleton Heights, NSW
2330

Content:

I am a long term resident of the Hunter Valley and have seen and experienced the positive impacts that mining has brought to our communities over the years.

Bengalla has proven to be a reputable and responsible community member providing numerous donations and sponsorships to a wide range of local organisations.

Bengalla supports local people through Undergraduate Scholarships and apprenticeships and provides employment to a large number of local people and families.

I support the Bengalla project continuation and look forward to the ongoing positive impacts Bengalla has on our communities.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77981

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for (support)

From: *
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/23/2013 4:17 PM
Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

The continuation of Bengalla Mine is another step forward to keep employment local for Employee's and contracting companies around the Muswellbrook Shire. Bengalla Mine also gives young people around the area the opportunity for an Apprenticeship in the Electrician or Plant Mechanic role, Employees at Bengalla have many years of experience in the Coal Handling Preparation Plant and Mobile Workshop to offer Apprentices knowledge and hands on skills for their trade.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23

Submission: Online Submission from (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76641

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/19/2013 4:42 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook , NSW
2333

Content:

I am involved (or have been involved) in a number of community groups as a volunteer, eg Muswellbrook Amateur Athletics and the Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter Eisteddfod, and Bengalla has been a generous sponsor of both these groups.

Bengalla employs local people and works hard to make Muswellbrook a great environment to live in.

IP Address: 124-149-186-248.dyn.iinet.net.au - 124.149.186.248

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76353

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/23/2013 11:28 AM

Subject: Submission Details for



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Australia, NSW
2333

Content:

I am Looking forward to see Bengalla continue to be a proud, responsible and important part of Muswellbrooks businesses. This company has shown since it's conception that it is able to operate in a manner way above the standard in environmental matters and has proven how serious the company is about being able to operate and still not adversely affect its neighbours.

Has always maintained it's initial model of being a safe operation interested in doing its business whilst providing community support.

Personally i beleive it would be a shame to not allow this company to continue it's operations into the future as the loss of employment, financial support to the community and contributions given by employees to education, social events, sporting groups and alike will be sorely missed.

Remember your decision affects everyone in our community in one way or another...

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76596

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 9/20/2013 11:45 AM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



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Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I support the Bengalla Continuation Project as I believe it would be the best for the local communities interests. As a member of the Muswellbrook community, I have seen the people that benefit from Bengalla in terms of employment directly (Bengalla employees and contractors) and indirectly (other companies which offer services and goods to the mining community). In addition, I have seen Bengalla attempt to minimise all environmental impacts and work towards best practice for the benefit of the community and surrounding region. An example of this is the local Dairy right next door to the mine which operates with ease which proves that agriculture and mining can work together.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76447

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

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Date: 9/20/2013 11:45 AM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



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Infrastructure

Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

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IP Address: - 203.15.208.23

Submission: Online Submission from (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76447

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for (comments)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/10/2013 6:00 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (comments)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Organisation:

Email:

Address:

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

To whom it may concern,

We would like to address some concerns that we have with the expansion of Bengalla Coal Mine. As stated in the EIS, all relevant neighbours were contacted in relation to the expansion. Our property is approximately 1 km from the new mine boundary and the first notification of the expansion was through public notification / newsletters etc. The EIS states that the predicted noise, airborne dust and vibration levels that our property will be subjected to, will exceed governing regulations. We feel this is a major concern and needs addressing as it will obviously greatly impact upon our families health, quality of life and sustainability of our farming operations. Any feedback on these matters and personalised contact or negotiation with Bengalla would not only be appreciated but one would assume, a mandatory measure.

IP Address: - 180.181.123.168

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77954

(comments)

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From: '
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/10/2013 4:56 PM
Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Scone, NSW
2337

Content:

It is critical that the Bengalla Mine continues to operate into the future as it provides local employment for not only the employees but numerous local contracting businesses and service providers. The employees who reside in the local community provide economic benefits for local retail and also provide occupancy and growth for the housing sector.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77945

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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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/8/2013 5:43 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



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Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Hunterview, NSW
2330

Content:

I believe Bengalla continuation should proceed to keep the area prosperous and for the region to reap the benefits to the broader community of stable employment for many people. I have been an employee for thirteen years and believe that Bengalla operates in a manner which looks after its responsibilities to look after the environment and is a good member of the community

IP Address: 147.80.70.115.static.exetel.com.au - 115.70.80.147

Submission: Online Submission from .

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&iu=77614

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/9/2013 4:51 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



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Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Hunternview, NSW
2330

Content:

I would like to give my support to the mine continuation at Bengalla as I am a plant mechanic with Westrac and we need to keep mining to help supporting industries.

IP Address: 147.80.70.115.static.exetel.com.au - 115.70.80.147

Submission: Online Submission from (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77796

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for

(support)

From:

To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >

Date: 10/9/2013 5:00 PM

Subject: Submission Details for (support)



Confidentiality Requested: yes

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name:

Email:

Address:

Hunterview, NSW
2330

Content:

I support the continuation of Bengalla because my husband works there and my two sons also work in the role of plant mechanics at Mangoola Coal and Westrac. Without the continuation many hundreds of jobs both directly and indirectly would be lost.

IP Address: 147.80.70.115.static.exetel.com.au - 115.70.80.147

Submission: Online Submission from

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=11799

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Jason Allan (support)

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To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/25/2013 9:36 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Jason Allan (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Jason Allan
Email: Jay.laurenallan@gmail.com

Address:
414 Blairmore Lane,

Aberdeen, NSW
2336

Content:

I currently work for bengalla mining company as a production technician. I fully support the continuation of the mine because it is the livelihood for so many families in this region. Bengalla also supports the community as a whole in many ways beyond providing employment including supporting sustainability work with the muswellbrook council, educational work through providing grants to individuals and community services through providing grants to local community groups and organisations. I can see no reason as to why this continuation shouldn't be approved.

IP Address: cpe-121-217-161-99.inse2.clt.bigpond.net.au - 121.217.161.99

Submission: Online Submission from Jason Allan (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76905

Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5170

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

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Jason Allan

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Bruce L. BATES & M. Llewellyn BATES
"The Oaks"
1102 Wybong Road,
Muswellbrook. NSW 2333



8 October 2013

Attention: Director – Mining and Industry Projects
Development Assessment Systems and Approvals
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY. NSW 2001



BENGALLA MINING COMPANY PTY LTD
APPLICATION NO. SSD 5170

We are making a personal Submission to **'OBJECT'** to the Proposal – Bengalla Mine Continuation Project – Application No. SSD 5170.

The reasons why we **'OBJECT'** to the Proposal are listed below:-

1. The westward expansion of the Open Cut Pit will bring it to within 2km of our Property, (No. 171), and will cause major fundamental issues to our environment due to the impacts of the increased Dust levels generated, the increase in Mobile Lighting towards the west, the increase in Noise levels generated, the increase in Blasting Frequency and impacts caused by Ground Vibration, Overpressure (Noise) and the sickly toxic fumes that have been generated in the past by Bengalla's Blasts, that have gone wrong, (the last event where we were exposed to the sickly toxic fumes was 12th Dec. 2012 – both Bengalla Mining Company and the NSW Dept. of the EPA were notified of our official complaint).

The increase in the volume of Diesel Fuel used 60,000 litres/day to 83,000 litres/day will result in PM 2.5 Air Pollutants making the Air Quality at our Property a Health Risk, under varying wind conditions.

2. We **'OBJECT'** to the Diversion of Dry Creek via dams and pipework on the grounds of it being a ruthless decision based on low capital expenditure, but carries a very high risk factor both to the environment and day to day human activity.
 - (a) The High Risk Factor is due to the construction of the CW1 Storage Dam of 900ML which will be constructed adjacent to Wybong Road, (a public roadway), on the north side. This dam which is designed to be a Dry Dam is to have its

walls and spillway positioned less than 50 metres from the Proposed Open Cut Coal Mine. The design criteria has no mention of the Blasting effects that may be a design safety factor in the construction of the dam wall for both when it is dry and full, (i.e. wall is dry and then wet, with blasting being so close, ground vibration within the range of 50mm/s to 100mm/s, this impact should be fully investigated).

- (b) The Environmental Impacts have not been addressed with the use of the 140,000 Litres of Diesel which may be used by the emergency power generators, and the location and service of these generators/pump station using Wybong Road which has a 12 Ton load limit, placed on it by the Muswellbrook Shire Council.
 - (c) The Dry Creek Catchment North of Wybong Road which is approximately 665 Hectares, and the CW1 Dam has been designed to cater for a 1 in 200 year rain event. The safety factors have not been projected into the design if consideration had been given for Climate Change extremes. If there was an extreme storm event and the Dam CW1 spills, and the water enters the Bengalla Void and Mine Workings, this outcome has not been addressed. Flooded Open Cut Coal Mines in Queensland during the 2010-11 have set a precedent for Environmental Issues, and this should be addressed by the Bengalla Mine Continuation Project.
 - (d) The only safe way for this Proposal by Bengalla is to use a Gravity Drainage Solution with the capital cost borne by Bengalla Mining Company, (as per Option 1 Appendix B, Page 50-X).
3. Another major concern for us is that we are currently in the Zone of Affection for the Mt. Pleasant Open Cut Coal Mine, (Rio Tinto), which currently is on hold, but could start construction anytime, and now with the Bengalla Mine Continuation Project, we will be doubly effected with an horrendous outcome for us, our future and the environment.

We Declare that we have Not made any reportable political donations during the previous two years.



Bruce L. BATES

&



M. Llewellyn BATES

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Eric Blaikie of Rio Tinto (support)

From: "Eric Blaikie" <ericbla@hotmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/11/2013 4:34 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Eric Blaikie of Rio Tinto (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Eric Blaikie
 Organisation: Rio Tinto (Mining Engineer)
 Email: ericbla@hotmail.com

Address:
 180 Wattle Ponds Road

Wattle Ponds, NSW
 2330

Content:

I moved into the Hunter Valley at the beginning of 2011 and have been working at Bengalla since march 2011. In that time my wife and I have built a house and are therefore looking at being in the Valley for sometime and ensuring I have a secure job going forward is very important to me.

The approval of the Bengalla EIS is very important to myself to ensure I have employment and security for my family. Bengalla provides employment for many people who live in the local area. The wealth that this employment brings to the community is to the benefit of the local businesses as this wealth is reinvested back into the community.

Bengalla has been and continues to be very active in supporting the local community. Bengalla is a major sponsor of the Upper Hunter show, Muswellbrook PCYC health and fitness health day, Bengalla race day, Harness racing cup to name but few.

Bengalla has provide funding to assist many local organisations such as the School beef day, The Black coal cu golf day, Muswellbrook Polocrosse and there are many more.

Bengalla provides scholarships for children in Muswellbrook - Engineering scholarship for Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and Scone high schools

Bengalla is very conscious of its environmental responsibilities and is always looking for opportunities to improve its operating practices to minimise the impact on the surrounding communities.

The approval of the Bengalla EIS is very important to the local and surrounding communities to the mine to ensure the continue development of the area from a business and community point of view.

IP Address: - 101.171.170.154
 Submission: Online Submission from Eric Blaikie of Rio Tinto (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=78060

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Eric Blaikie

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Bernard Blayden of Bengalla (support)

From: "Bernard Blayden" <Bernard.Blayden@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/10/2013 5:13 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Bernard Blayden of Bengalla (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Bernard Blayden
Organisation: Bengalla (CHPP Maintenance Technician)
Email: Bernard.Blayden@riotinto.com

Address:
70 Acacia Dr Muswellbrook

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:
I believe that Bengalla's expansion project should go ahead due to securing current jobs and providing future careers in the local area.
The current pit is moving away from town and the regeneration that has been done well and is flourishing in this climate.

This mine also supports the local community through the schools and sporting events. e.g. primary and secondary school solar boat challenge.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Bernard Blayden of Bengalla (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77952

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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Bernard Blayden

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Wally Boas of Bengalla Coal Mine (support)

From: "Wally Boas" <wally.boas@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/11/2013 8:21 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Wally Boas of Bengalla Coal Mine (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Wally Boas
Organisation: Bengalla Coal Mine (Mine Engineer - Short Term Planning)
Email: wally.boas@riotinto.com

Address:
7B Joss Close

Singleton, NSW
2330

Content:

I support the continuation of the Bengalla Coal mine. Bengalla mine has been a long term member of the upper hunter community. Being an employee of Bengalla Coal, I am proud that the company has invested heavily in the surrounding communities (Muswellbrook, Denman, Scone, Aberdeen) and this contribution has extended beyond the immediate benefits of the business.

Being a single income earner for my family, continuation of the Bengalla Coal Mine will be in the best interest of me and my family. So will be the case for my other colleagues here on site.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23

Submission: Online Submission from Wally Boas of Bengalla Coal Mine (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77978

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Wally Boas

E : wally.boas@riotinto.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for John Brady of Bengalla (support)

From: "John Brady" <john.brady@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/23/2013 1:08 PM
Subject: Submission Details for John Brady of Bengalla (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: John Brady
 Organisation: Bengalla (Maintenance Planner)
 Email: john.brady@riotinto.com

Address:
 28 Bimbadeen Drive

Muswellbrook, NSW
 2333

Content:

To whom it may concern,

My family & I have been involved in various types of mining throughout Australia for 20 years and moved to NSW and the coal industry just over 4 years ago.

I have never before in my career in Mining felt compelled to support any such proposal as I do now and I do this willingly after having seen before in other areas of Australia the disregard or half-hearted attempts mining companies seem to have made for their neighbours and the environment in general.

At Bengalla we are told from Day 1 the importance and responsibility we all have to protect the environment and to appropriately rehabilitate the areas after we have mined them and this is supported by the evidence of the areas onsite where this has occurred and also the sensitive way areas immediately adjacent to active mining are treated and protected.

After 4 years at Bengalla I am immensely proud to be involved with a company that not only preaches Environmental responsibility but reinforces this through its actions year in, year out.

The support that is also offered to the immediate community by way of grants and sponsored events also makes me proud to be involved at Bengalla

It is for these reasons I support the Bengalla continuation of Mining application.

Regards

John Brady
 28 Bimbadeen Drive
 MUSWELLBROOK NSW 2333
 0428 429571

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from John Brady of Bengalla (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76612

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

John Brady

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HENRY + JUNE BROWN
601 ROXBURGH ROAD
MUSWELLBROOK 2333
10-10-2013

MR MATTHEW SPROTT,
PLANNING OFFICER,
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING-INFRASTRUCTURE
23- 33 BRIDGE STREET,
SYDNEY 2000

RE - BENGALLA MINE MODIFICATION (CONTINUATION)

SIR,

We are writing this submission to you in regard to the above mentioned project modification/extension/expansion to place our objections.

As a close neighbour to this project we are already affected by this project. Issues associated with this project are detrimental to us as neighbours and we therefore object to its extension/modification.

We are already impacted in several ways by this project. Any intensification of this project and extension of this mines life will make worse + prolong these issues. The cumulative effects of this and the other surrounding projects make life for us HELLSH.

The modelling produced for this project, as with all these projects, is at least understated if not fraudulent. They obviously wear "Rose coloured glasses" and we therefore do not agree with this modelling. As this project comes closer to us and the production/workforce intensifies these issues that are a common source of complaint/nuisance will increase dramatically.

Issues with dust, noise, blasting + blast fuming as well as deisel emissions are relevant ~~as~~ ~~at the moment~~ at the moment, and will only get worse in the future with this project, as we outline below.

① DUST. - Dust from this project is a constant issue for us as neighbours. The operation at Bengalla is DRAGLINE/ESCIVATOR/ TRUCK FLEET etc. The dragline operation spreads dust unabated constantly which can not be suppressed. The rest of the operation makes little or no effort to limit dust. This is going to get worse

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for us going forward.

② NOISE. - Noise from this project will obviously intensify with this project. We are already at times affected by Audible noise, Low frequency vibration and Infrasound from Bengalla's operation. The clanging/banging of the dragline chains, Engine noise continuum etc. is clearly audible at times, and will be even closer operationally going forward. The C.H.P.P. is a secondary source of INFRASOUND at our property and ramping up of the production will only worsen this.

③ BLASTING. - As the project moves closer to us and intensifies, the regularity of blasting, as well as distance to source will be more of a constant issue. Blast fuming will, as expected, be more of an issue as well.

④ DIESEL EMISSIONS. - At present, like all similar projects, the mine is a huge contributor to diesel emissions and petro-chemical residues. These are a problem to all of us that rely on rain water for our source of water. The intensification of this project will provide more emissions and more residues.

⑤ CUMULATIVE EFFECTS. - This project will, of course, add to the cumulative effects of the mines on our lives. When is ENOUGH, ENOUGH !!! The majority of people in employment at these projects do not live in close proximity to the huge polluting abomination. For us who do, we are bombarded with noise, dust, pollutants and our lives are significantly impacted. We are treated as collateral damage in the pursuit of profit, for uncaring, unconscionable multinational company's, putting profit before people and incongruous to people's lives.

The modelling provided for the cumulative effects of this project looks to be done without consultation with the other projects in close proximity.

The dust modelling from Mt. Arthur has us between the 30 mg. and 50 mg Contours, (2016). Bengalla's so called modelling for cumulative effects does not even have us close to 30 mg contour.

The noise modelling from Mt. Arthur, once again, would also indicate that any additional noise from Bengalla, when overlayed to Mt Arthur's noise contours, has made little or no contribution, and in fact according to Bengalla's modelling

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the noise improves during the day/evening period.

These are just some of the reasons we feel that the modelling provided for this project is inaccurate at best.

Bengalla's movement westward will see an increase in the stripping ratios. This could over time be up to 100% increase on present stripping ratios. If only a 50% increase on average this would represent a need to increase movement of overburden by 50% on present coal targets. A ROM coal target increase of nearly 50% on present levels (10.7 mt to 15.0 mt) would therefore see this further increase of a similar percentage. This would take the yearly production (coal + overburden) to roughly a 95% increase on present ground disturbances.

We do not believe the modelling reflects this!

It is also of our belief that their dumping emplacement profiles do not represent the 30% + increase in mining spoils that you get when mining, and further modifications will be sought in the future for dumping emplacements.

We do not therefore support their modelling, we reject their assertions, and obviously, in light of this, object to the modification and intensification of this project on the grounds the impacts on us will be greater than they assert.

YOURS SINCERELY

HENRY + JUNE BROWN

Per MICHAEL BROWN



PETER + JULIE BROWN
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RE - BENGALLA MINE MODIFICATION (CONTINUATION)

SIR,

We are writing this submission to you in regard to the above mentioned project modification/extension/expansion to place our objections.

As a close neighbour to this project we are already affected by this project. Issues associated with this project are detrimental to us as neighbours and we therefore object to its extension/modification.

We are already impacted in several ways by this project. Any intensification of this project and extension of this mines life will make worse + prolong these issues. The cumulative effects of this and the other surrounding projects make life for us HELLISH.

The modelling produced for this project, as with all these projects, is at least understated if not fraudulent. They obviously wear 'Rose coloured glasses' and we therefore do not agree with this modelling. As this project comes closer to us and the production/workforce intensifies these issues that are a common source of complaint/nuisance will increase dramatically.

Issues with dust, noise, blasting + blast fuming as well as deisel emissions are relevant ~~at the moment~~ at the moment, and will only get worse in the future with this project, as we outline below.

① DUST - Dust from this project is a constant issue for us as neighbours. The operation at Bengalla is DRAGLINE/EXCAVATOR/ TRUCK FLEET etc. The dragline operation spreads dust unabated constantly which can not be suppressed. The rest of the operation makes little or no effort to limit dust. This is going to get worse

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for us going forward.

② NOISE. - Noise from this project will obviously intensify with this project. We are already at times affected by Audible noise, Low frequency, vibration and Infrasound from Bengalla's operation. The clanging/banging of the dragline chains, Engine noise, continuum etc. is clearly audible at times, and will be even closer operationally going forward. The C.H.P.P. is a secondary source of INFRASOUND at our property and ramping up of the production will only worsen this.

③ BLASTING. - As the project moves closer to us and intensifies, the regularity of blasting, as well as distance to source will be more of a constant issue. Blast fuming will, as expected, be more of an issue as well.

④ DIESEL EMISSIONS. - At present, like all similar projects, the mine is a huge contributor to diesel emissions and petro-chemical residues. These are a problem to all of us that rely on rain water for our source of water. The intensification of this project will provide more emissions and more residues.

⑤ CUMULATIVE EFFECTS. - This project will, of course, add to the cumulative effects of the mines on our lives. When is ENOUGH, ENOUGH !!! The majority of people in employment at these projects do not live in close proximity to the huge polluting abomination. For us who do, we are bombarded with noise, dust, pollutants and our lives are significantly impacted. We are treated as collateral damage in the pursuit of profit, for uncaring, unconscionable multinational company's, putting profit before people and incongruous to people's lives.

The modelling provided for the cumulative effects of this project looks to be done without consultation with the other projects in close proximity.

The dust modelling from Mt. Arthur has us between the 30 mg. and 50 mg Contours, (2016). Bengalla's so called modelling for cumulative effects does not even have us close to 30 mg contour.

The noise modelling from Mt. Arthur, once again, would also indicate that any additional noise from Bengalla, when overlayed to Mt Arthur's noise contours, has made little or no contribution, and in fact according to Bengalla's modelling

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the noise improves during the day/evening period.

These are just some of the reasons we feel that the modelling provided for this project is inaccurate at best.

Bengalla's movement westward will see an increase in the stripping ratios. This could over time be up to 100% increase on present stripping ratios. If only a 50% increase on average this would represent a need to increase movement of overburden by 50% on present coal targets. A ROM coal target increase of nearly 50% on present levels (10.7 mt to 15.0 mt) would therefore see this further increase of a similar percentage. This would take the yearly production (coal + overburden) to roughly a 95% increase on present ground disturbances.

We do not believe the modelling reflects this!

It is also of our belief that their dumping emplacement profiles do not represent the 30% + increase in mining spoils that you get when mining, and further modifications will be sought in the future for dumping emplacements.

We do not therefore support their modelling, we reject their assertions, and obviously, in light of this, object to the modification and intensification of this project on the grounds the impacts on us will be greater than they assert.

Yours Sincerely



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Content:

As a member of the local muswellbrook community and an employee of Rio Tinto I fully support the Bengalla Mine continuation project. The Bengalla mine employ's over 400 staff of which 90% live in the local community. These people support loacal business, schools and community groups which are all essential elements to a vibrant area that the Upper Hunter is today.

Many believe the local mining industry is seen to be at a cross roads with agriculture in the Upper Hunter. I disagree with these comments and strongly agree that mining and agriculture can work together for the benefit of the community.

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Content:

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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Bengalla Mine has provided to the community of Muswellbrook for 14 years delivering income to local families, local sponsorships, social events, stimulated community involvement and has consistently demonstrated its ongoing commitment to maintaining a sustainable environment for the people of Muswellbrook.

I support the Bengalla Continuation Project because I would like to see this continue for another 25 years and am excited to see the potential for community growth under the positive influence that is Bengalla Mine and its employees.

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Content:
I've lived in the Muswellbrook Community since 1985 and have seen the Mining Industry's ebbs and flows.

Whenever the Mines in the area have had economic downturns, the flow on effect on the community has been significant which strongly indicates to me that the other commercial sectors rely very much on Mining Industry. Having experience in Hospitality in the local area, this includes the Wine & Horse industries.

I would be very disappointed to see this submission rejected and believe the impact on Muswellbrook and surrounding communities would be detrimental.

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I am a current employee of Bengalla mine and this year 44years of age. The continuation of the mine would be critical to my future and my families future as my wife works in the hospitality industry my son works for a contractor that services Bengalla mine. I believe the continuation of the mine would be critical to the local and surrounding communities for current and future growth. I also believe thae standards that we have onsite also benefit our neighbours enviromentally and have manicured the landscape in a way that the mine fits in with the landscape

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Content:

I commenced work at Bengalla in 2002. Over the years Bengalla has been an enjoyable place of work and I have made many life long friends through my Bengalla relationships. Being a large and responsible company, Bengalla has provided my family and I with stability.

At Bengalla, we work in a manner that is respectful and considerate to our neighbours and local environment. We promote openness with our community through our mine open days namely, the community day, family day, bird watching event plus support of several other community such as the art prize, race club, Muswellbrook high student solarships.

In summary, Bengalla provides many benefits to the local community. I hope the Bengalla Continuation Project is seen favorably as the positives are many.

Regards

Jamie Costello

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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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To whom it may concern,

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I have been employed at Bengalla Mining Company for approximately 3 years as a Maintenance Electrician.

I grew up in Western Australia but travelled around the country for a couple of years ending up in Townsville Queensland. I attended a recruiting session in Townsville for Bengalla and ended up getting the Job.

I moved to the Hunter not knowing what to expect, but found myself falling in love with the hospitality, culture and vibrancy.

I believe that Bengalla is an asset to the valley not only for the jobs it has created but also for the money and sponsorship that it continually injects into the local community. I myself spend most of my income in the local community of Muswellbrook and help a number of local businesses stay successful.

Some of my spending's include:

- Monthly haircut at local hairdressers
- Weekly shop at Woolworths (approx \$250)
- Weekly shop at Aberdeen Butchers (approx. \$50)
- Dining out locally (approx \$100 per week)
- Monthly visit to local cellar door wineries (approx \$200)
- Weekly visit to local pub (approx \$50 drinks, \$50 gambling on horses which I believe helps the local horse industry)
- Monthly membership at local gym (\$50)
- Renting a local house for \$300 per week.
- I also spend around \$200 a week on other things in the local area like doctors appointments, electronics, treatments, fuel, car wash, furniture, clothes, and many more items.



Once every 2 months or so I travel to Newcastle or Sydney for a short break and usually spend on accommodation and luxuries.

I have recently purchased a second block of land here in Muswellbrook and plan to engage a local Builder (Les Gunn Homes) to build the house.

I guess the message I am trying to get across is that without Bengalla's continuation, my income will go elsewhere. I will most definitely move to another state like WA or QLD as it seems as though a lot of mine expansions are getting disapproved here at the moment and I want my job to be secure for myself and my family.

I am one of hundreds employed directly at Bengalla and we all share the same story. Without our combined incomes, the towns of Muswellbrook, Aberdeen, Scone, Singleton and in some ways Maitland will most definitely suffer. Other miners in the area will also start to feel the effect as some local business will start closing doors. Some miners at other mines may even look for jobs elsewhere in our country if the local townships start to not suit them and their family's needs.

I understand that there will be some opposition towards the continuation but I guess these people have to think about what bad has Bengalla ever done to them or the community. What community or township will be left if the mining industry leaves the hunter? Maybe they should have a think about some of the positives that a company like Bengalla has brought to them and think less of negatives.

It wont only be the Hunter that suffers if Bengalla's continuation is not approved. It will be NSW as a whole. It also will not only be miners that will lose their jobs if Bengalla's continuation does not get approved. It will be jobs across a range of companies.

If Bengalla's continuation is not approved, I guess the big question is 'Why'? What bad will come of it? I can think of none.

Yours sincerely

Kane Dennis (A passionate supporter of Bengalla's continuation of Mining)

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for company Process Control Services Pty Ltd (org_support)

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Content:

We believe that it is important for the future of NSW that this mine is allowed to be extended. They have and are continually trying to improve the process, to increase productivity as well as environmental concerns. Bengalla Coal supports a number of local business throughout the area as well as other further a field, including interstate.

Coal is a real commodity and will need to be purchased both locally and overseas for many years to come. It is in the best interest of NSW or more broadly, Australia, that this mine is allowed to extend. It promotes jobs and community services.

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Content:

As an employee of Bengalla and as a resident of Muswellbrook I have come to see to significant benefits that Bengalla Mine brings to the Upper Hunter area. Through direct and indirect jobs and the sponsorship of numerous community events and organisations, Bengalla is a name that the community highly values and respects. It is seen as a mine that maintains high environmental standards through robust environmental management systems coupled with close community engagement.

I would fully support the continuation of Bengalla mine .

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Content:
 To whom it may concern,

I support this application with general comments on two aspects: noise and community involvement.

Noise:

I lived on Racecourse Road until recently for approximately 4 years, in close proximity to the mine. Very occasionally, during certain atmospheric conditions, I would notice dozer track noise. However, the level of noise was never enough that it would not be forgotten or unnoticeable immediately, and was never at a level that it caused any annoyance to myself or the others in the house.

In addition, being part of the Maintenance Engineering team at Bengalla, I can say that there are processes and ongoing work to monitor, maintain and ensure that noise levels on new and existing equipment are within our approval limits. I have been asked during my time here to investigate modifying sound suppression components, and have rejected the proposed modifications based on trials that showed that there was a small increase in the noise emissions from the plant.

Community:

Secondly, I feel that Bengalla has always had a strong presence and involvement in the local community. I attend numerous community/sporting/social events during the year and it seems obvious to me that Bengalla provides support in all aspects, from financial to genuine and enthusiastic personal involvement with the various groups.

Sincerely,
 Adam

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Content:

Ongoing development of our natural resources is vital for the growth of the Hunter Valley, NSW and Australia. To support our socioeconomic needs we require companies like Rio Tinto to invest in this Hunter Valley region. I have been fortunate to be employed by Hunter Valley mines for thirty years. It has provided my family a sound quality of life that can only come from a strong reliable coal industry. Continued investment in the coal industry will only occur if development applications similar to this, once considered, are realised. The flow on, or cascade effect, of exploration and expansion projects support and benefit all communities in the Hunter Valley.

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Bengalla Continuation Project – SSD 5170

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Bengalla Continuation Project (SSD-5170). I am an employee at Bengalla Mine and the approval of this project will improve my job security and that of some 400 other Bengalla employees as well as the employees of local businesses who provide services to the site. Bengalla is an important part of the local economy and in my time as an employee, I have witnessed firsthand the company's commitment to environment and community.

Bengalla aims to reduce the impact of mining operations on the environment. The site recycles greater than 70% of water used in processing coal and recycles greater than 85% on non-mineral waste. Bengalla is committed to the rehabilitation of land and employees organize bird watching days for the local community and participate in tree planting and clean up days.

I feel that Bengalla significantly contributes to the local community. Bengalla supports projects in the community through the Coal & Allied Community Development Fund and the Aboriginal Development Consultative Community. Many Bengalla employees contribute to the community by coaching junior sporting teams, donating time to run classes at the PCYC and participating in workshops and presentations for high school students about careers in the mining industry.

The contribution to the community that I am most passionate about is the scholarship program. The company provides a number of scholarships to students wishing to undertake university studies. After finishing high school, I received a similar scholarship sponsored by Bengalla's managing company, Rio Tinto. The scholarship I received provided the funds that allowed me to attend university and vocational experience in my chosen profession. The Bengalla scholarships are a valuable resource to young people in the community.

As a company, I feel Bengalla works with integrity to reduce the impact of mining on the environment. I see Bengalla as an integral part of the Muswellbrook community and I strongly support the Bengalla Continuation Project.

Sincerely,

Courtney Geraghty

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Nick Glenn of Bengalla Mining Company (support)

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To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/28/2013 4:28 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Nick Glenn of Bengalla Mining Company (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Nick Glenn
Organisation: Bengalla Mining Company (Supervisor)
Email: nnglenn@bigpond.net.au

Address:
6 Angus Peebles Cl

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I wish to support the Bengalla Mining submission for the continuation of mining as I believe it will benefit Muswellbrook and the surrounding community. I am currently employed by Bengalla having relocated from Western Australia approx. 11 years ago. Both my wife and I depend on the mining industry for employment, to provide for our family's livelihood. We are now proud to call the Hunter Valley, in particular Muswellbrook home and hope to do so for many years to come. The continuation of the project will provide opportunities for employment, further growth and improved local services and amenities for the region due to Bengalla's ongoing support. I believe Bengalla is a responsible neighbour to the community and takes environmental concerns seriously.

IP Address: cpe-110-147-143-254.nhl8.cht.bigpond.net.au - 110.147.143.254
Submission: Online Submission from Nick Glenn of Bengalla Mining Company (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77090

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Nick Glenn

E : nnglenn@bigpond.net.au

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Rafael Gutierrez (support)

From: "Rafael Gutierrez" <Rafael.Gutierrez@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/20/2013 11:38 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Rafael Gutierrez (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Rafael Gutierrez
Email: Rafael.Gutierrez@riotinto.com

Address:
39 Pitt Street

Singleton, NSW
2330

Content:
Who it may Concern

I would like to support Bengalla's Expansion, mining in this area is vital for the community and employment, i believe Bengalla supports the community in all aspects and one core belief that Bengalla has is the employment and support for new Apprentices which is vital to young people leaving school and looking for carrers, so i believe the Government should support this 100 per cent as myself and family are very supportive for Bengalla to expand.

Kind Regards

R. Gutierrez

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Rafael Gutierrez (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76441

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Rafael Gutierrez

E : Rafael.Gutierrez@riotinto.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Justin Harris of Bengalla Mine (support)

From: "Justin Harris" <harro1971@hotmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/8/2013 6:42 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Justin Harris of Bengalla Mine (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Justin Harris
Organisation: Bengalla Mine (Operator)
Email: harro1971@hotmail.com

Address:
34 Gray St

Scone, NSW
2337

Content:

I personally believe Bengalla continuation project should proceed in regards to the employment opportunities and community benefits this mine does for the local area,,I truly believe that this mines enviromental standards and rejuevination projects are second to none and will be adhered to with stringent due diligence for what is best for native fauna,,and wildlife,,The continuation of this mine will be a true leader and asset to the community.

IP Address: pa49-181-173-243.pa.nsw.optusnet.com.au - 49.181.173.243
Submission: Online Submission from Justin Harris of Bengalla Mine (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77618

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Justin Harris

E : harro1971@hotmail.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Paul Hewitt of Coalfields Industrial Maintenance Services Pty Ltd . (support)

From: "Paul Hewitt" <paul.hewitt@y7mail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/16/2013 2:18 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Paul Hewitt of Coalfields Industrial Maintenance Services Pty Ltd . (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Paul Hewitt
Organisation: Coalfields Industrial Maintenance Services Pty Ltd. (Managing Director)
Email: paul.hewitt@y7mail.com

Address:
4 Sergeant street

Cessnock, NSW
2325

Content:
To whom I may concern,
I strongly believe that the continuation of the Bengalla mine should be approved on the basis of the information given at public exhibition.

IP Address: - 101.170.127.255
Submission: Online Submission from Paul Hewitt of Coalfields Industrial Maintenance Services Pty Ltd. (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75438

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Paul Hewitt

E : paul.hewitt@y7mail.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Greg Hickey (object)

From: "Greg Hickey" <gnshic@hotmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/10/2013 9:14 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Greg Hickey (object)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Greg Hickey
Email: gnshic@hotmail.com

Address:
4/13 Lorne st

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I support the continuation of Bengalla Mine. Bengalla provides financial growth to the Hunter region through employment, sponsorship and general community support. To see this project not go ahead we would see lost employment opportunities for our young people entering the work force in the future. This would impact the community across the board.

IP Address: cpe-124-187-169-79.ins16.clt.bigpond.net.au - 124.187.169.79

Submission: Online Submission from Greg Hickey (object)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77848

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Greg Hickey

E : gnshic@hotmail.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Carolyn Hobden (support)

From: "Carolyn Hobden " <chobden@ljhmbk.com.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/24/2013 4:19 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Carolyn Hobden (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Carolyn Hobden
Email: chobden@ljhmbk.com.au

Address:
5a St.Heliers Street

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:
We need it for more employment within the area and a better financial state of the Hunter Valley

IP Address: ben1049177.lnk.telstra.net - 120.150.226.20
Submission: Online Submission from Carolyn Hobden (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76771

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Carolyn Hobden

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Fiona Hobden (support)

From: "Fiona Hobden" <Fiona.handford@gmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/20/2013 8:52 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Fiona Hobden (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Fiona Hobden
Email: Fiona.handford@gmail.com

Address:
106 Hill Street

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:
Bengalla is a generous sponsor of many different projects in Muswellbrook. The mine supports our little community and always has. They've integrated well into Muswellbrook generating income in the local economy in many different ways. We run a B and B in addition to other business interests in the town and over the last 10years most of our clients are contractors from Bengalla. Muswellbrook desperately needs this expansion to be approved, hopefully logic prevails during these difficult times in the coal industry.
Thank you
Fiona Hobden

IP Address: - 101.171.213.62
Submission: Online Submission from Fiona Hobden (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76413

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Fiona Hobden

E : Fiona.handford@gmail.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Katie Hobden (support)

From: "Katie Hobden" <katiehobden94@gmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/24/2013 4:22 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Katie Hobden (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Katie Hobden
Email: katiehobden94@gmail.com

Address:
106 Hill street

Muswellbrook , NSW
2333

Content:
I Believe, in order for employment to increase and a better financial state of the HUNter Valley, this project should go ahead. It would better the mining industry additonally

IP Address: ben1049177.lnk.telstra.net - 120.150.226.20
Submission: Online Submission from Katie Hobden (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76773

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Katie Hobden

E : katiehobden94@gmail.com

Matthew Sprott - Re: Bengalla Mine submission

From: Phil Hobden <phil@mbkstl.com>
To: Matthew Sprott <Matthew.Sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 10/30/2013 4:42 PM
Subject: Re: Bengalla Mine submission

Matthew,
Following is my Submission for the continuation of Mining by Bengalla Mining Co Pty.Limited.

Bengalla Mining Company is an integral part of the Mining Community in the Muswellbrook Shire. For more than 15 years now, Bengalla have been committed to mining in this area.

In that period of time, Bengalla has shown its unprecedented support not only to the local community, but also to the people it employs. There have been numerous times that this Mining Co have been called on to help a whole range of projects that have benefited our community, and without their continual support and existence there would be a major gap to fill. It's not all about the support and money they give to community projects etc, it also reflects heavily on the businesses that have been developing in our Shire over the years.

Indirectly, Bengalla and all that work in and around this mine, contribute in so many ways. Sporting teams are one of note. The Hunter Valley has always been proud of its sporting prowess, and many of the Men and Women who work at Bengalla are involved in activities on and off the field in and around Muswellbrook.

They form themselves as vital contributors to so many different organisations that make up our town. I took time to visit the Public Exhibition at the Coal & Allied shopfront in Muswellbrook. I was very impressed with the information that was available, and even more impressed that a gentleman by the name of Craig White could answer all the points I had concerns with. I was also impressed with the redirection of a creek and the proposed rehabilitation after the mine had passed that area. The mine's impact will be negligible as it progresses in the westerly direction.

Bengalla is a vital player in the developing town of Muswellbrook. This town and the community need this development to be approved. They are a role model and a wonderful example of just how a major mine can exist and contribute to our Town.

Regards,

Phil Hobden
Managing Director



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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Leo Hughes (support)

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To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/24/2013 4:13 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Leo Hughes (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Leo Hughes
Email: leohughes123@hotmail.com

Address:
6 CUNNINGHAM STREET

MUSWELLBROOK, NSW
2333

Content:

I am a current resident of Muswellbrook, and I have observed a number of occasions where the Bengalla Mining Company employees have been positive contributors to the local community.

Bengalla are regular sponsors of major fundraising events for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, as well as community events like the Bengalla Cup and Upper Hunter Regional Show. Employees are regularly seen volunteering to assist at these events, as well as running information stalls about the mine's activities and answering the community's questions.

There are a number of sponsorship and scholarship offers made available by Bengalla, and employees are generous with their time when aspiring students come seeking guidance and advice about apprenticeships or university courses. There are also a number of employees who offer their afternoons and weekends to coach and mentor young local athletes at the various sporting clubs and competitions run at a district and state level.

I firmly believe the Muswellbrook community is better for Bengalla Mining Company's presence, and the diverse and generous employees who are drawn into the area as a result of their ongoing operations.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Leo Hughes (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76769

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Leo Hughes

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Ben Ipsen of Rio Tinto (support)

From: "Ben Ipsen" <Ben.Ipsen@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/24/2013 12:32 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Ben Ipsen of Rio Tinto (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Ben Ipsen
Organisation: Rio Tinto (Technician)
Email: Ben.Ipsen@riotinto.com

Address:
6 smith street

Mayfield East, NSW
2304

Content:

I have worked at Bengalla Mine for the past 18 months and over this time I have been very impressed with the amount of care taken in regards to the environment. As a person who had never worked in the mining industry before I was surprised at the measures taken in order to protect the environment both on the land that Bengalla owns and also the surrounding areas. Throughout my time working at Bengalla I have also been impressed with the amount of donations and grants that they have contributed to the local community. I believe that if this approval was to be denied this would be a serious loss for the Muswellbrook and surrounding community due to the direct and indirect job losses in a community that is already struggling due to the mining downturn.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23
Submission: Online Submission from Ben Ipsen of Rio Tinto (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76728

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Ben Ipsen

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Jodie Janssen (support)

From: "Jodie Janssen" <jodie.janssen@hotmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/26/2013 8:53 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Jodie Janssen (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Jodie Janssen
 Email: jodie.janssen@hotmail.com

Address:
 Jerrys Plains Rd

Denman, NSW
 2328

Content:
 To the Department of Planning and Infrastructure NSW,

I would like voice my support for the Bengalla Continuation Project as this will extend the life of Bengalla coal mining operations, which is a major contributor to the Upper Hunter economy.
 The existing Bengalla mine has an exceptional safety record with all employees and contractors focused on the highest level of work place safety.
 Procedures are in place at Bengalla Mine to ensure Environmental impacts are minimized, with many new and innovative ideas used to manage dust, noise and other environmental issues.
 The Bengalla Mine is a significant contributor to the economy of the Upper Hunter and the state of NSW , employing many local people directly and creating work for many other local businesses.
 The continuation of Bengalla Mine will secure employment for existing staff and on going economic benefit to the Hunter Region and the State of NSW.

Regards Jodie & Paul Janssen
 Jerrys Plains Rd
 Denman NSW 2328

IP Address: - 121.216.109.55
 Submission: Online Submission from Jodie Janssen (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76981

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Jodie Janssen

E : jodie.janssen@hotmail.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Grant Jupe of LJ Hooker Muswellbrook (support)

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To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/24/2013 2:34 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Grant Jupe of LJ Hooker Muswellbrook (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Grant Jupe
Organisation: LJ Hooker Muswellbrook (Sales Consultant)
Email: gjupe@ljhmbk.com.au

Address:
140 Bridge Street

Muswellbrook , NSW
2333

Content:

I strongly agree with the approval of the continuation of the Bengalla Mine site. The extended life of this mine will only help the Muswellbrook Community. Bengalla Mine is a large employer in our community and supports Muswellbrook in many ways.

IP Address: ben1049177.lnk.telstra.net - 120.150.226.20
Submission: Online Submission from Grant Jupe of LJ Hooker Muswellbrook (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76743

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Grant Jupe

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Anthony Keaton (support)

From: "Anthony Keaton" <akeaton@bigpond.net.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/20/2013 1:14 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Anthony Keaton (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Anthony Keaton
Email: akeaton@bigpond.net.au

Address:
90 Cook street

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:
To whom it may concern,

I fully support the proposed Bengalla Development Consent.
The extension of Bengalla, I believe is crucial to the local community.
Bengalla not only supports it employees but also is a large supporter of local business, sporting groups, volentree associations and most important families.
It would be very sad and damaging to the community if this development did not go ahead.

Regards,
Anthony Keaton

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Anthony Keaton (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76467

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Anthony Keaton

E : akeaton@bigpond.net.au

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Nene Kennedy of CMG (support)

From: "Nene Kennedy" <ozkennedys@yahoo.com.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/6/2013 1:10 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Nene Kennedy of CMG (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Nene Kennedy
Organisation: CMG (Administrative)
Email: ozkennedys@yahoo.com.au

Address:
PO Box 94

Aberdeen, NSW
2336

Content:
Muswellbrook and surrounding areas benefit from the jobs and association provided by Bengalla. Many families are reliant on the income generated by employment and trade with Bengalla.

I have not been negatively impacted by the current mine activity and would like to see them continue.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Nene Kennedy of CMG (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=74411

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Nene Kennedy

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Benjamin H King of Bengalla Mining Company (support)

From: "Benjamin H King" <ben.king@rtca.riotinto.com.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/6/2013 9:31 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Benjamin H King of Bengalla Mining Company (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Benjamin H King
 Organisation: Bengalla Mining Company (Mobile Maint Planner)
 Email: ben.king@rtca.riotinto.com.au

Address:
 6 Bray Street

Denman, NSW
 2328

Content:

I have work for BMC for over 8years, and hope to contunue this for many more to come.

In my time here I have seen the support that the company gives to employees/suppliers but also in a very large way the community of the upper hunter. It's a flow on effect every one in my work goup lives locally and supports the local economy through there employment at BMC. I have worked in a number of differant industries durring my career and I feel that BMC does see it from both sides of the fence when it comes to enviromental and community issues, they set the standards high.

The company plays a big part in employing/promoting youth in a number of scholarships and a very good apprenticeship program.

I would like to see mines that are in operation keep operating, rather than a number of smaller mines start up in other new areas.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22

Submission: Online Submission from Benjamin H King of Bengalla Mining Company (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=74376

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Benjamin H King

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Linda Korman (support)

From: "Linda Korman" <linda.korman@gmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/15/2013 8:25 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Linda Korman (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Linda Korman
Email: linda.korman@gmail.com

Address:
18 Kennedy Close

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:

I would like to record my support for Bengalla Mining Company Continuation of Mining Application. I am a homeowner and live in Muswellbrook. My house is approximately less than six kilometers from the actual mining site. Bengalla is a terrific supporter of Muswellbrook community and their continuation of Mining assists with the development of our town. In addition it provides opportunities for my children to have gainful employment as Bengalla supports many local business through their day-to-day operations. Without Bengalla's continuation many jobs, businesses and property values will be put at risk. I trust that they may continue into the future. Yours sincerely Linda Korman

IP Address: cpe-121-216-192-8.inse3.ken.bigpond.net.au - 121.216.192.8

Submission: Online Submission from Linda Korman (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75357

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Linda Korman

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Simon Land of Bengalla Mine (support)

From: "Simon Land" <Simon.Land@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/19/2013 11:31 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Simon Land of Bengalla Mine (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Simon Land
 Organisation: Bengalla Mine (Mine Planning)
 Email: Simon.Land@riotinto.com

Address:
 PO Box 724

Singleton, NSW
 2330

Content:

I have been working at Bengalla for 8 years and have found it to be a great place to work. Bengalla:

- Provides employment both directly/indirectly to hundreds/thousands of people and their families in the community, which in turn supports the local economy.
- Contributes to and supports the surrounding community through funding of infrastructure, community groups, charities, and education.
- Has a high level of stakeholder involvement/consultation.
- Values the environment and incorporated environmental impact into all aspects of its planning.

If Bengalla was not to continue this would have a negative effect on the community.

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Submission: Online Submission from Simon Land of Bengalla Mine (support)
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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project
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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for PETER LANE (object)

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 We wanted to bring to the attention of the Department the significant impacts that this development has on our property. Our property is receiver 155.

Noise:
 Volume 1 Section 8: Table 40 shows 155 in the significantly affected section. We are the closest receiver to the West of this development.
 Table 42: also shows us as being significantly impacted by this development.
 I cannot find any information as to the noise impact of the realignment of the link road in year15. There is mention in Appendix H table 16 of link road construction noise exceedance, but no mention in table 18 "Existing and proposed operational traffic noise, LAeq" This relocation will have a major impact as now it is approx 1km from our residence after realignment it will be approx 200m from our house with traffic traveling at 100kh. Also this road will eventually be a major heavy vehicle bypass fitting in with MSC western roads strategy. There is no reference to 155 in Appendix Q section 7. and 7.1

Dust
 Volume 1 Section 8 Table 31 shows exceedances for 155 but only in year 24. I would have thought that being the closest western receiver approx 500m from the disturbed area and mining coming towards us the impacts from dust and blasting would have been more significant. Especially cumulative impacts from MAC, Mt Pleasant and Mangoola. Left out of Appendix G Table 10-20. What are the cumulative impacts when surrounded by these 3 major developments especially when taking into account our elevation? Surely the impacts from this development and MAC would be far more significant than has been stated.

Groundwater
 Appendix K Section 11.5: Impacts on Groundwater Users: There is only one bore on private land GW073576 which is within the modeled zone of depressurization associated with the project. That is our bore. The drawdown at this bore is predicted to be about 2m. This is quite a vague answer considering it is just outside the Aquifer Interference Policy. To trigger the AIF the drawdown is to be greater than 2m. There is no mention of the impact to discharge rates or water quality. 12.3 states "It is not possible to collect all the data characterizing the whole groundwater system in detail and therefore various assumptions have to be made during development of the groundwater model". Modeling and assumptions are not real scientific evidence of the true impacts of interfering with underground aquifers.

Blasting
 Section 8:4:3 Impact assessment states "BMC blast monitoring results for the period 2007-2011 indicates that a minimum setback distance from non mine owned receptors of 1470m from project blasting would be appropriate to ensure impacts remain below relevant criteria". Our residence will be approx 900m from the proposed pit. Closer than property 156. This is considerably closer than the study's appropriate distance of 1470m and therefore impacts in our opinion would be significant. When you take into account the massive plumes of orange gasses that escape after each blast are full of Nitrates and Sulphates 900m would be unlivable. Appendix G 15:4 acknowledges that the project is

moving west and as it does the blast fume impacts to the west would increase." It would become increasingly more complicated and restrictive to apply only simple blast permissions to prevent impacts in this situation". One would also have to question the modeling for blast fume when there is so much inconsistency between each blast as to how much gas they produce. As stated earlier most blasts in the Valley now have an orange yellow cloud due to cheaper explosive and varying degrees of moisture in the blast hole. But all looks good on paper. Maybe that is why our tank water has a pH5. Used to be 7.2.

Bengalla link road realignment

Appendix H Table 16 shows noise exceedances during construction of the realignment of the link road at 155 but there is no mention of the impacts of moving the road to within 200m of our residence. This will be a major noise and visual impact. Section 12 in the Conclusion mentions the impacts of construction at receivers here but not the ongoing impact of realignment. This link road is also earmarked for use as a heavy vehicle bypass by MSC under their Western Roads Policy. Moving it to within 200m of our house will have major impacts. Especially at change of shift when mines traffic increases substantially.

Visual Impacts

Appendix I Section 7.2 Residences: Western Sector. The visual impacts on residents with views to the project in this sector will continue to be moderate to high. I cannot find any information on the visual impact of the realignment of the link road which would be difficult when only 200m away.

7.7.2 Direct Light Effects: The only locations that will have direct line of sight to night lighting are elevated locations such as Roxburgh road that overviews any screening topography and vegetation. This impact has just increased with the mine now in a direct line of sight after taking out a ridge line. As the mine moves further west we will not have the benefit of screening from trees and ridge line. The overburden mountain is approx 50m higher than what was in the original EIS. Is the height of that going to change?

Property Values. This topic has been bought up with each new mine development and still has not been properly addressed. This is a question for Planning "How is it possible for landowners to get proper valuations supposedly not affected by mining when they are surrounded by mining developments"?

We envisaged up till now of being able to stay here and live out our lives, but this development makes our home unlivable. The impacts will be quite significant.

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BENGALLA CONTINUATION PROJECT
APP/No. SSP5170

An open letter of support for the Bengalla Continuation Project

The continuation of Bengalla Mine is about hope for the future, the next generation and the generation after that, the regions grandsons and granddaughters that will ultimately continue to directly and indirectly benefit from both Bengalla and a region as a whole.

As a current employee of Bengalla Mining Company, I personally look forward to the development of the up and coming maintenance technicians, apprentices, operators and graduates that not only Bengalla rely on but the industry as a whole.

The continuation of Bengalla Mine westward has many positive benefits for the region including new and exciting employment opportunities and the continuation of community support and projects.

On a personal level Bengalla Mining Company is a great place to work with employees coming from a diverse range of backgrounds. My hope is everybody would get the opportunity to work at Bengalla. I believe everybody would like to leave the world a little better for the next generation as our forebears did so for our generation, forward thinking, and constant improvement.

It is with that, that I hope the next generation look back and are proud of our achievements in the Hunter region.

So for the next generation, from tough times you learn disappointment and hard work will bring you absolute happiness.

So for nothing else the grandsons and daughters of the Hunter deserve the chance to work in a great place just as I am doing.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E Larkin', written in a cursive style.

EDWARD LARKIN



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It is important for the continuation of Bengalla Mine for the next 21 years not only for my employment but for the number of people the mine employs and the number of people it will employ and for the business and partnerships that benefit from the mine in the area and region.

Its continuing support of sponsorship, scholarships and donations to our schools and organisations within the community and region is of great importance.

The mine is heading in a westward direction away from the township of Muswellbrook which would be beneficial for that.

I strongly support the continuation plan of Bengalla mine.

Thankyou Mark Lawrence

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I believe Muswellbrook needs to keep investing in mining in the area. Why should a small minority group of non-mining people be able to influence the future of a large number of people living in the area? All of the people I know in this town are reliant on mining in some shape or form, whether they are directly employed in the industry or work for a company providing a service to the mines. For the future of the town and my 3 children I believe this extension should be approved.

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My Submission for Bengalla

My Name is Ben and I'm 32 years old and have been living in the Upper Hunter for well over 20 years. During this time the Valley has seen many changes which started with only a handful of coal mines operating in the area in the early 90's. When I was nearing the end of my High School years it was clear to me that I wanted to be in the mining industry. This is where my story began.

At the end of 1998 I started an apprenticeship as a Boilermaker at one of the local engineering shops that regularly had work from local mines. Over the next 4 years work increased due to Bengalla and Mt Arthur opening and starting to ramp up which saw more people employed, new engineering workshops being built and more overtime being available. As work started to increase in the early to mid-2000's this saw a number of people coming from all over the state to earn the "Dollars".

During 2001 and being a 3rd year apprentice I was able to purchase my first home. This may not have happened if there were no coal mines in the area supporting local jobs. Even in the last 10 years house prices sky rocketed. This was brought on by the MINING BOOM. Again if the mines were not here would we have seen this happen in such a small space of time? You only have to drive through the town to see that the MINING BOOM has had on the town and the upper hunter. Also during the early 2000's to buy T.V's, lounges, computers, home ware etc. etc. you would have to travel to Newcastle to purchase these items. Now you can purchase these items and lots more in and around the Upper Hunter area supporting other local shops.

Fast forward to 2011 and I was lucky enough to gain a full time job at Bengalla. This goes to show that working in the industry and being local, Bengalla choose to employ local people from around the Upper Hunter area.

At the start of 2012 and after spending loads of money and countless weekends on our house due to the age of it, with a wife and 2 young kids we choose to sell our house and begin a new chapter and buy a brand new house. During the 10 or so years that we lived in that OLD house we used tradesman and supplies from the Muswellbrook area. Once again mining has a big effect even when it comes to renovating a house. Why because mining creates jobs, they is more cash flow. It is simple; it is a fact that when jobs are created and there is money to be had people spend more.

2013 has not been a very good year for the coal mining industry. However coal mines including Bengalla heavily Rellie on contractors and small business to keep the day to day running of the mine. If Bengalla had to close its doors not only would it affect people like myself and the 400 other full time employees but contractors, tradesman, schools, small business and suppliers. Also if Bengalla were to continue mining into the future it would see a further increase in full time jobs and the community to benefit such as scholarships.

I still continue to buy local products and use local trades even with a new house. But if this does not go ahead we will be forced to leave the area. I plan around being in the Upper Hunter for at least the next 20 years + of my working life so it is a must. We need this to happen for the next generation and also my kids future.

Regards Ben

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I have operated a Horse stud for 19 years, only 4 klms down river(Hunter) from Bengalla mine and can honestly say as a close neighbour, I've never needed to contact the mine over -noise ,dust, blasting, river water quality or any other impact on my property or the quality of my way of life. In the 15 years that Bengalla have been mining, they appear to have taken seriously ,the high standard of their environmental responsibility by the fact of very minimal approval breaches in that time. Muswellbrook has gained many benefits over the life of Bengalla and hopefully the future, including increased employment and business opportunities, sponsorship of many sporting and charitable organisations . With the direction of the development to continue west and away from town, any further impact would have to be a great deal less, going on Bengalla's record and past history. This must be seen as very positive, for this consent application to be approved .

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I am writing this submission in support of the Bengalla Mine Continuation Project which is currently on public exhibition. Bengalla Mine, operated by Rio Tinto, is by far the best operation I have worked at. This mine is the seventh operation I have worked and certainly sets its self apart from other coal mining operations.

The operation has a genuine commitment to community relations which is evident through the operational set up, supervisor performance objectives right through to community donations. Bengalla donates through the Coal and Allied community fund, but also independently donates hundreds of thousands of dollars to noteworthy causes in and around the Muswellbrook shire. The operation offers numerous scholarships to school children in the community, donates towards gym equipment at the PCYC, donates towards the shire show and the list goes on. The one thing that strikes me as different is Bengalla's commitment to community relations through the setup of the mining operation. Supervisors that run the crews are held accountable to ensure the operation is set up in an appropriate manner i.e. lighting plants are not directed at near neighbours or into the community, dust is contained etc. Bengalla will regularly park up equipment due to high winds where neighbouring operations continue with production at full steam. Unlike other mining operations that see community and environmental restrictions as a tick and flick exercise, Bengalla Mine truly partners with the community.

With the above being said, the operation is moving away from the local community of Muswellbrook, therefore the dust and sound impacts should decrease.

Bengalla employs approx. 400 people directly and approximately 100 full time contractors. These employees reside within the local communities and take an immense amount of pride in living and working in the upper hunter. Bengalla recruits from the local community being the upper hunter. Unlike other coal mines in the area, Bengalla is incredibly stringent on where they source their people and won't allow miners to travel up from Newcastle, Maitland etc. this creates job opportunities and flow on economic growth in its neighbouring communities. Bengalla partners with contracting companies that adopt the same recruitment strategies; what's more, they recruit a significant number of inexperienced operators, even when the market is saturated with skilled workers, to develop opportunities within the community. Through the proposed continuation project of an additional 21 years, Bengalla has committed to support four new apprentices each year, that's an opportunity for 84 local apprentices over the 21 years.

From a personal perspective, Bengalla is a great place to work. The operation's stable workforce demonstrate an enormous amount of pride in the site's success and the local community, which I believe can work effectively hand in hand.

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I personally feel that this project should go ahead because the area needs more jobs and provide local people with a full time reliable job. Also, there are already mines around us everywhere so an extention on a mine won't make any difference.

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Baker & Farrow Pty Ltd is a family business selling Industrial & Engineering Supplies to the Mining & Engineering Sector in the Hunter Valley. The Company support's whole heartedly the Bengalla Mine expansion plans into the future. Baker & Farrow Pty Ltd employ staff from the Muswellbrook district and with the current enviroment we are all in, the expansion is very much needed to keep the local community employed. Baker & Farrow Pty Ltd some 20 month's ago expanded our business to build a purpose facility to service Bengalla and other Mines in the area. The last thing Muswellbrook needs is for there to be no work for the local community outside the mining sector. Already in the Muswellbrook area many, many companies are either closing or closed due to the economic downturn. We all would very much like top see all of our Children employed one day and with the way things are right now, it's not pretty for Year 12 leaver's of 2013 gaining Employment by way of Apprenticeships across every Category.

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I, Paul Neaton am writing in support of the Bengalla Continuation Project (SSD 5170) as proposed by Bengalla Mining Company Muswellbrook.

I currently am employed by Bengalla Mining Co and the continuation of mining would ensure myself and my family's future in the Hunter Region.

I attended High School in Scone in 1980 and commenced my working career in Muswellbrook in 1985 and have nearly exclusively worked in the area since then. Since starting with Bengalla in 2010 I have become increasingly aware of the commitment shown by the company to ensure the safety of its employees as well as the on going commitment to environmental impact to the local area.

yours sincerely, Paul Neaton

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Attention: Director Mining and Industry Projects,

I wish to write in support of this project going ahead.

Muswellbrook and Singleton have in the time I have been living here benefited significantly from the jobs that the mining industry creates. As evidence of this, one only has to examine the new developments, facilities and infrastructure improvements that have occurred in the last two years as a direct consequence of having a healthy mining industry.

It would be very unfortunate for people's jobs and the surrounding towns / districts if the proposal was rejected.

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I have been an employee at Bengalla Mine for the past 3.5 years and more recently my husband has been employed at Bengalla also. This mine provides us with both stable employment and a sense of community.

I am a very proud employee of Bengalla and have volunteered at many community events including; working with local schools, planting trees in the local Muswellbrook community and assisting Bengalla showcase our site at the Bengalla Open Days in 2010 and 2012.

Bengalla provides a large amount of local employment and support to the local Muswellbrook community. If this continuation project was not approved then our 400 employees and additional contractors and suppliers will not be employed and may subsequently leave the local area. I own a house in Muswellbrook and the value of our property would also be impacted if local residents were to move out of the area if Bengalla project was not to go ahead. I can speak for both me and my husband of the impact to our family if this project was not continued.

Bengalla's focus on environmental impacts is that of best practice. Each and every employee and contractor on this site is committed to ensuring that the environmental impact is minimal to our local neighbours and community.

Please consider how important Bengalla is to not only the employees and contractors that work there, but also our local community and the future for our children.

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As an employee of Bengalla Mine the approval of this project is important to me as it will ensure increased job security into the future for myself whilst giving my family financial stability as a single income household. I believe that Bengalla Mine is committed to working with the local community providing economical support to local organisations through donations & physical resources. If the proposal was not approved then this vital community development would cease.

As a production operator at Bengalla Mine I believe the company strive to reduce our impact on the environment by constant monitoring of all the day to day operations performed at Bengalla Mine. I'm sure this would continue and be reviewed regularly as part of the consent to continue mining.

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Submission: Online Submission from Patrick O'Connor (support)
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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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Patrick O'Connor

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Neville Peace (support)

From: "Neville Peace" <Nifty1802@bigpond.com.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/5/2013 10:26 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Neville Peace (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Neville Peace
Email: Nifty1802@bigpond.com.au

Address:
4 Turpentine Close

Rothbury, NSW
2320

Content:
I would like to congratulate the team at Bengalla for a very comprehensive exhibition for there extension. I support the application and know from experience the efforts of all at Bengalla to comply with their current development consent. Keep up the good work.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23
Submission: Online Submission from Neville Peace (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=74338

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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Neville Peace

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Stephen Penfold (support)

From: "Stephen Penfold" <sj.penny@bigpond.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/8/2013 9:33 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Stephen Penfold (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Stephen Penfold
Email: sj.penny@bigpond.com

Address:
7 North Close

Hunterview, NSW
2330

Content:

I want the proposed extension to be granted as the mine supports employment with in the community including apprentices, small business etc. the industry is necessary to maintain the economic backbone of the country, it can be seen the difference in the township of Muswellbrook growth in housing and development. The mine itself is environmentally concious at all times. The mine is working away from the township therefore the impact is lessening.

IP Address: cpe-121-217-206-164.lnse3.clt.bigpond.net.au - 121.217.206.164

Submission: Online Submission from Stephen Penfold (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77620

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Stephen Penfold

E : sj.penny@bigpond.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Daniel Rankmore of Bengalla (support)

From: "Daniel Rankmore" <Daniel.Rankmore@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/17/2013 11:54 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Daniel Rankmore of Bengalla (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Daniel Rankmore
Organisation: Bengalla (Mining Engineer)
Email: Daniel.Rankmore@riotinto.com

Address:
16 McClintock Drive

Muswellbrook, NSW
2333

Content:
I support the Proposed Bengalla Continuation Plan.
I am employed at Bengalla as a Mining Engineer and I have worked here for 5 years. I live in Muswellbrook with my wife and children. I would like to see Bengalla continue as it provides the local community with employment opportunities and generous donations. Both missing would present a serious impact on the Muswellbrook and surroundings way of life.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Daniel Rankmore of Bengalla (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=75518

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Daniel Rankmore

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Peter Riddy (support)

From: "Peter Riddy" <Peter.Riddy@hunterlink.net.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/6/2013 7:26 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Peter Riddy (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Peter Riddy
 Email: Peter.Riddy@hunterlink.net.au

Address:
 37 Sowerby Street

Muswellbrook, NSW
 2333

Content:

I am resident in Muswellbrook, and have been since 1997. My house is in full view of the rehabilitated Bengalla Mine Eastern Dump Face. My bedroom is on the Western side and I would like to register that I have never heard any noise or suffered any disturbance whatsoever emanating from Bengalla Mine.

If measurable airborne material generated by the mine does reach Muswellbrook, there has been no discernible degradation here since before the mine commenced however I was acutely aware of a change for the worse visiting a Brisbane Suburb recently. Neither my two children nor myself nor my wife has experienced any respiratory problems.

Both I and my son have separately found employment at Bengalla Mine and have enjoyed working there for some years, as the remuneration and employment conditions are exemplary. I am aware of Bengalla's requirement for additional reserves and the development intentions disclosed in this EIS and fully support their application.

I believe that the continuing positive contribution made by this and other mines in the area has been significant in improving the quality of life for local residents.

Muswellbrook as a place to reside would be significantly impoverished if developments of this nature were rejected or if significant modifications or additional constraints and burdens were imposed on such Mining Projects.

IP Address: ppp49fe.dsl.pacific.net.au - 125.255.9.254
 Submission: Online Submission from Peter Riddy (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=74372

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Peter Riddy

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Garry Rohrich

15 Burgundy Street

Muswellbrook NSW 2333

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to make a submission in the name of Bengalla Continuation Project, application number (SSD 5170).

I support the proposal of the continuation of Bengalla mining westward.

My reasons for this continuation is so that it can provide certainty and continued employment for myself and fellow workers. I have a wife and two children to support and this would certainly add to us feeling more safe in our jobs.

This area has already been hit hard with so many people laid off. It is not only affecting mine workers and their families, but is impacting everyone in these towns and all other stores in the area. If Bengalla closes down more jobs will be lost which affects other small businesses around town as well as house values ect.

Kind regards

Garry and Melissa Rohrich



Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Michael Ryan (support)

From: "Michael Ryan" <mmr9@bigpond.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/23/2013 12:55 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Michael Ryan (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Michael Ryan
 Email: mmr9@bigpond.com

Address:
 19 Silky Oak Close

Muswellbrook, NSW
 2333

Content:

I wish to lodge my support for the approval of the extension to Bengalla Mine in Muswellbrook. Due to the down turn in the mining industry and the uncertainty of extension of other mines in the area, I feel this application must be granted on the basis of continuing employment of those already employed by Bengalla Mining Co and the future employment of those displaced by other mine closures. Muswellbrook Shire is not in a position to absorb the present workforce of Bengalla mine and the level of unemployment presented would be detrimental to the Muswellbrook Community. The apprenticeship program offered by Bengalla is also of importance for our community. The loss of these apprenticeship positions would further deny the youth of our community to attain gainful employment. As the father of two teenage children this is of great concern to me. I am also employed by Bengalla as a mine technician and would like to continue my association working at this mine. As the mining extension will be advancing away from the Muswellbrook township, the impact to the town should be less than it is now. The dust problem generated by the mining industry is well monitored, with Bengalla having stricter levels (which I am sure will continue with the extension) and as mother nature can never be controlled the amount of dust in the air at any one time can never be predicted. Muswellbrook is surrounded by coal mines and the dust emission is not dependent on Bengalla alone. I ask the State Government to consider in favour of this extension for my sake, my children's sake and the sake and viability of our town.

IP Address: cpe-58-168-113-198.lns9.ken.bigpond.net.au - 58.168.113.198

Submission: Online Submission from Michael Ryan (support)

https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76610

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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Michael Ryan

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for kyle smith of Bengalla (support)

From: "kyle smith" <Kyle.Smith@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/10/2013 4:55 PM
Subject: Submission Details for kyle smith of Bengalla (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: kyle smith
Organisation: Bengalla (CHPP Maintenance Technician)
Email: Kyle.Smith@riotinto.com

Address:
1 Ibis Place, Scone

Scone, NSW
2337

Content:
I believe that this continuation of Bengalla Mining Company would be a great asset to the local community in the Hunter. This provides many job opportunities for people living in the near by area and also gives a chance for new generations to be trained up as apprentices and receive great training through the company as I have just received.

This company also supports the local community greatly with its massive donations and continued sponsoring of local events.

IP Address: - 206.48.240.167
Submission: Online Submission from kyle smith of Bengalla (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77943

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

kyle smith

E : Kyle.Smith@riotinto.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Nathan Smith (support)

From: "Nathan Smith" <nathan.smith@riotinto.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 10/10/2013 1:19 PM
Subject: Submission Details for Nathan Smith (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Nathan Smith
Email: nathan.smith@riotinto.com

Address:
37 Henry Drive

Singleton, NSW
2330

Content:

I am an employee at Bengalla and feel that it is important for me to provide a submission in support of the continuation of mining operations at Bengalla. In the past 10 years of my professional life I have worked for three different companies based in a few different locations including the Mid North Coast, Hunter Valley and Central Coast. In that time I worked out of a number of different offices and travelled temporarily to many locations in NSW and QLD. For all my reasonable experience I have never encountered a company with such a high level of community support that I have found at Bengalla. I feel that my decision to move my wife and two young children away from our comfortable life on the coast was the right choice, based in-part on the level of closeness and support within the community here. In my time working at Bengalla I have volunteered to be involved in tree planting projects and have enjoyed attending various Bengalla sponsored and other local events. In 2012 myself and a number of colleagues enjoyed assisting local school students in the Upper Hunter Science and Engineering Challenge. It is a wonderful company that provides so much support to the community and encourages its employees to be involved in a variety of community projects. I hope that my family and I will enjoy many happy years living in this interesting, fun and progressive region.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from Nathan Smith (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=77925

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

Nathan Smith

E : nathan.smith@riotinto.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for simon stanford of marathon tyres (support)

From: "simon stanford" <simonstanford@hotmail.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/20/2013 11:52 AM
Subject: Submission Details for simon stanford of marathon tyres (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: simon stanford
Organisation: marathon tyres (fitter)
Email: simonstanford@hotmail.com

Address:
17 centre st

greta, NSW
2334

Content:
My family and I fully support the extension of Bengalla and all mining in the Hunter Valley.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.22
Submission: Online Submission from simon stanford of marathon tyres (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76452

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

simon stanford

E : simonstanford@hotmail.com

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Paul Streeter (support)

From: "Paul Streeter" <paul.streeter@bigpond.com>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/19/2013 11:04 AM
Subject: Submission Details for Paul Streeter (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: Paul Streeter
Email: paul.streeter@bigpond.com

Address:
43 Dilgara Avenue

Davistown, NSW
2251

Content:
Mining is a critical contributor to NSW finances and this mine in particular supports the Muswellbrook community, providing employment and other support.

IP Address: - 203.15.208.23
Submission: Online Submission from Paul Streeter (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76213

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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Paul Streeter

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Bengalla Mine : Bengalla Continuation Project
Application Number: SSD-5170

I am writing in support of Bengalla Mine proposal to continue mining to the area west of Muswellbrook as an open cut mine.

Daracon Group is a very successful medium size civil engineering organisation based in the Hunter Valley and we have worked on the existing Bengalla Coal Mine project since 1996. Our business objectives of excellence in safety performance and environmental responsibility fit very well with those of Bengalla Mine.

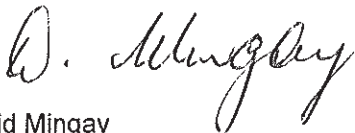
This alignment in values has helped us establish a mutual beneficial business relationship that has resulted in the completion of numerous projects to the highest standards in health, safety and environmental compliance.

Our support for the project is two fold. Firstly there will be direct benefits to Daracon Group in the civil projects generated by the continuation of the mine. But Secondly and more significantly, you can be assured that the continuation will be done with the greatest regard to the environment and especially the community of Muswellbrook. Throughout their current development Bengalla Mine have worked closely with the local community and taken extra steps, such as the installation of monitoring systems, to ensure compliance with the licence conditions.

Your favourable consideration of the proposal by Bengalla Mine would be appreciated.

A completed Political Donations Disclosure Statement is attached.

Yours faithfully



David Mingay
Managing Director
Daracon Group

Political donations disclosure statement



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Office use only:

Date received: ____/____/____

Planning application no. _____

This form may be used to make a political donations disclosure under section 147(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for applications or public submissions to the Minister or the Director-General.

Please read the following information before filling out the Disclosure Statement on pages 3 and 4 of this form. Also refer to the 'Glossary of terms' provided overleaf (for definitions of terms in *italics* below). Once completed, please attach the completed declaration to your planning application or submission.

Explanatory information

Making a planning application or a public submission to the Minister or the Director-General Under section 147(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ('the Act') a person:

- (a) who makes a *relevant planning application* to the Minister or the Director-General is required to disclose all *reportable political donations* (if any) made within the *relevant period* to anyone by any person with a financial interest in the application, or
- (b) who makes a *relevant public submission* to the Minister or the Director-General in relation to the application is required to disclose all *reportable political donations* (if any) made within the *relevant period* to anyone by the person making the submission or any *associate* of that person.

How and when do you make a disclosure?

The disclosure to the Minister or the Director-General of a *reportable political donation* under section 147 of the Act is to be made:

- (a) in, or in a statement accompanying, the relevant planning application or submission if the donation is made before the application or submission is made, or
- (b) if the donation is made afterwards, in a statement of the person to whom the relevant planning application or submission was made within 7 days after the donation is made.

What information needs to be included in a disclosure?

The information requirements of a disclosure of reportable political donations are outlined in section 147(9) of the Act.

Pages 3 and 4 of this document include a Disclosure Statement Template which outlines the information requirements for disclosures to the Minister or to the Director-General of the Department of Planning.

Note: A separate Disclosure Statement Template is available for disclosures to councils.

Warning: A person is guilty of an offence under section 125 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in connection with the obligations under section 147 only if the person fails to make a disclosure of a political donation or gift in accordance with section 147 that the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, was made and is required to be disclosed under section 147.

The maximum penalty for any such offence is the maximum penalty under Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* for making a false statement in a declaration of disclosures lodged under that Part.

Note: The maximum penalty is currently 200 penalty units (currently \$22,000) or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

Glossary of terms (under section 147 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*)

gift means a gift within the meaning of Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981*. Note. A gift includes a gift of money or the provision of any other valuable thing or service for no consideration or inadequate consideration.

Note: Under section 84(1) of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* gift is defined as follows:

gift means any disposition of property made by a person to another person, otherwise than by will, being a disposition made without consideration in money or money's worth or with inadequate consideration, and includes the provision of a service (other than volunteer labour) for no consideration or for inadequate consideration.

local councillor means a councillor (including the mayor) of the council of a local government area.

relevant planning application means:

- a) a formal request to the Minister, a council or the Director-General to initiate the making of an environmental planning instrument or development control plan in relation to development on a particular site, or
 - b) a formal request to the Minister or the Director-General for development on a particular site to be made State significant development or declared a project to which Part 3A applies, or
 - c) an application for approval of a concept plan or project under Part 3A (or for the modification of a concept plan or of the approval for a project), or
 - d) an application for development consent under Part 4 (or for the modification of a development consent), or
 - e) any other application or request under or for the purposes of this Act that is prescribed by the regulations as a relevant planning application,
- but does not include:
- f) an application for (or for the modification of) a complying development certificate, or
 - g) an application or request made by a public authority on its own behalf or made on behalf of a public authority, or
 - h) any other application or request that is excluded from this definition by the regulations.

relevant period is the period commencing 2 years before the application or submission is made and ending when the application is determined.

relevant public submission means a written submission made by a person objecting to or supporting a relevant planning application or any development that would be authorised by the granting of the application.

reportable political donation means a reportable political donation within the meaning of Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* that is required to be disclosed under that Part. Note. Reportable political donations include those of or above \$1,000.

Note: Under section 86 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* reportable political donation is defined as follows:

86 Meaning of "reportable political donation"

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a reportable political donation is:
 - (a) in the case of disclosures under this Part by a party, elected member, group or candidate—a political donation of or exceeding \$1,000 made to or for the benefit of the party, elected member, group or candidate, or
 - (b) in the case of disclosures under this Part by a major political donor—a political donation of or exceeding \$1,000:
 - (i) made by the major political donor to or for the benefit of a party, elected member, group or candidate, or
 - (ii) made to the major political donor.
- (2) A political donation of less than an amount specified in subsection (1) made by an entity or other person is to be treated as a reportable political donation if that and other separate political donations made by that entity or other person to the same party, elected member, group, candidate or person within the same financial year (ending 30 June) would, if aggregated, constitute a reportable political donation under subsection (1).
- (3) A political donation of less than an amount specified in subsection (1) made by an entity or other person to a party is to be treated as a reportable political donation if that and other separate political donations made by that entity or person to an associated party within the same financial year (ending 30 June) would, if aggregated, constitute a reportable political donation under subsection (1). This subsection does not apply in connection with disclosures of political donations by parties.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), parties are associated parties if endorsed candidates of both parties were included in the same group in the last periodic Council election or are to be included in the same group in the next periodic Council election.

a person has a financial interest in a relevant planning application if:

- a) the person is the applicant or the person on whose behalf the application is made, or
- b) the person is an owner of the site to which the application relates or has entered into an agreement to acquire the site or any part of it, or
- c) the person is associated with a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) and is likely to obtain a financial gain if development that would be authorised by the application is authorised or carried out (other than a gain merely as a shareholder in a company listed on a stock exchange), or
- d) the person has any other interest relating to the application, the site or the owner of the site that is prescribed by the regulations.

persons are associated with each other if:

- a) they carry on a business together in connection with the relevant planning application (in the case of the making of any such application) or they carry on a business together that may be affected by the granting of the application (in the case of a relevant planning submission), or
- b) they are related bodies corporate under the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth, or
- c) one is a director of a corporation and the other is any such related corporation or a director of any such related corporation, or
- d) they have any other relationship prescribed by the regulations.

Political Donations Disclosure Statement to Minister or the Director-General

If you are required under section 147(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to disclose any political donations (see Page 1 for details), please fill in this form and sign below.

Disclosure statement details Name of person making this disclosure <u>DAVID MINLAY</u>		Planning application reference (e.g. DA number, planning application title or reference, property address or other description) <u>SSD-5170</u>		
Your interest in the planning application (circle relevant option below) You are the APPLICANT YES / NO OR You are a PERSON MAKING A SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION YES / NO				
Reportable political donations made by person making this declaration or by other relevant persons * State below any reportable political donations you have made over the 'relevant period' (see glossary on page 2). If the donation was made by an entity (and not by you as an individual) include the Australian Business Number (ABN). * If you are the applicant of a relevant planning application state below any reportable political donations that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by any persons with a financial interest in the planning application, OR * If you are a person making a submission in relation to an application, state below any reportable political donations that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by an associate.				
Name of donor (or ABN if an entity)	Donor's residential address or entity's registered address or other official office of the donor	Name of party or person for whose benefit the donation was made	Date donation made	Amount/ value of donation
<u>NIL</u>				
Please list all reportable political donations—additional space is provided overleaf if required.				
By signing below, I/we hereby declare that all information contained within this statement is accurate at the time of signing.				
Signature(s) and Date <u>David Minlay</u>				
Name(s) <u>DAVID MINLAY - MANAGING DIRECTOR - DARACON GROUP</u>				

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Political Donations Disclosure Statement to Minister or the Director-General

Name of donor (or AEN if an entity)	Donor's residential address or entity's registered address or other official office of the donor	Name of party or person for whose benefit the donation was made	Date donation made	Amount/ value of donation

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for phil walsh of bengalla mining company (support)

From: "phil walsh" <pnwalsh@bigpond.net.au>
To: "Matthew Sprott" <matthew.sprott@planning.nsw.gov.au >
Date: 9/22/2013 5:44 PM
Subject: Submission Details for phil walsh of bengalla mining company (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

Name: phil walsh
 Organisation: bengalla mining company (employee)
 Email: pnwalsh@bigpond.net.au

Address:
 7 chablis close

muswellbrook, NSW
 2333

Content:

I have been an employees of Bengalla coal mine for 19 years.Bengalla has proven to be responsible and valuable member of the community. Bengalla offered my family and I an opportunity to work and manage their dairy agricultural company 19 years ago where we enjoyed 10years of service on their dairies. The last 9 years I have been working for the mining company.Bengalla has given my family and I the opportunity to purchase a house in Muswellbrook.a good lifestyle,opportunities, seen the community grow ,benefit and prosper from Bengallas investments in the community through donations,sponsorships and partnerships in many areas including leading the way in environmental awareness, and sustainability.Bengalla cares about the community,its employees, their families and the environment.

IP Address: cpe-58-164-5-72.Inse5.ken.bigpond.net.au - 58.164.5.72

Submission: Online Submission from phil walsh of bengalla mining company (support)
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=76559

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

Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_site&id=2653

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Mark Weeks of Rio Tinto Coal Australia (support)

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Subject: Submission Details for Mark Weeks of Rio Tinto Coal Australia (support)



Confidentiality Requested: no

Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:
 Dear Sir / Madam

I have two children (20month old boy and girl twins)completely depending on the Bengalla continuation project to provide a stable source of income to our family. As a member of the Upper Hunter community and as a mining supervisor (OCE) at Bengalla I can say without any doubt that the employees and management are and will be in the future, 110% committed to being environmentally conscious members of our community. No one at the mine wishes to destroy their own "backyard" with many employees raising families within 20km of the mine it is in every employees best interest to run a productive yet environmentally responsible operation.

I ask that you please take into account the overwhelming benefits that the extension will provide for our community, our families and for the country when making your decision.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Weeks

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 Submission: Online Submission from Mark Weeks of Rio Tinto Coal Australia (support)
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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project
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Site: #2653 Bengalla Coal Mine; Bengalla Road, Muswellbrook
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Director Mining and Projects

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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for taking the time to read this:-

I am an employee of Bengalla Mine in the Production Team on B Crew.

Mine is a unique application and written with true commitment, I turned my family's life side down, with three retail outlets and Coal and Allied and Bengalla, have me a chance as a trainee at Hunter Valley and than Full time at Bengalla

I am so proud to be part of Bengalla, privileged I would call it, they care! examples, Donations, Fundraising, Local community support, the ongoing support for cancer and other diseases, the upgrade of roads, creeks, and the lifestyles of many many employees, many farmers sold to Bengalla but you never print how much, I am a farmers daughter, I sit and watch the land and areas Bengalla are digging you would not fatten anything this is very dry country, I see the rehabilitation wow if only you could see the efforts that go into this rehab and the summer crop that grew last year you to would be impressed, and my list goes on in relation to the positives, so many businesses have directly benefitted from this Pitt, I would be fearful to say that if the Planning and Development systems don't soon come into some sort of reform at lot of businesses, Families will never survive.

I have been involved in very strict noise testing, which is done on a regular basis of a night, these people care, they have so much in place to care for you and the environment.

The reticulation of the water have you ever looked at the survey re how much water a horse stud pulls out of the streams, and whilst we are on Horse Studs , don't under mine us is their slogan they don't seem so partial to asking the Mines for donations for the horse Sport, races etc.

Stop Think and Identify that's something we are taught at Bengalla,

Please **Stop**-- and see the positives and the efforts of the Development- Management and Teams of this Pit.

Think-- Please think about the Area, the positives that have been achieved by Bengalla since opening, and what an incredible difference this makes, and will continue to make.

Identify—The good in the approval of this application, so much media frenzy, so many people on negatives only and certainly been heard. Identify what I have said in my letter please.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I have a plan my youngest son will swing a digger bucket in this pit one day, and hopefully be as proud to be part of such a positive , dynamic industry, an industry that goes beyond anything to assist.

I care and if in doubt you come to Bengalla as my guest one day and share what I have learnt to enjoy and I guarantee you'll- Have a great day.

Be positive with our submission please!

Be safe

Sandra White

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Lisa Williams (support)

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Content:
I would like to support Bengallas expansion, as this is necessary the the musswellbrook area

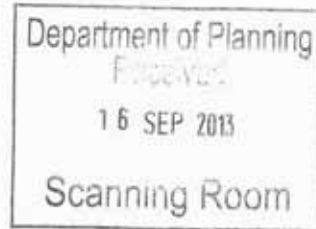
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BENGALLA CONTINUATION OF MINING PROJECT

Application number SSD 5170

I am hereby submitting my total and unreserved approval of the continuation of the Bengalla Mine. This is a mine local to me, of whom none of my family is employed, however the work that the mine does to support the local community is outstanding. Not only does the mine employ hundreds of local people some of whom are my closest friends, they contribute to the area in a positive and conscious manner. I have been to many an art gallery opening with their general manager present to preside and their sponsorship of local sporting clubs is noteworthy. Bengalla play an active part in our community and for the project not to continue would be an outrage to the employees and to those who directly and indirectly benefit from their kindness and generosity.

My family and I eagerly look forward to their open day each year, showcasing their many achievements, we have Bengalla plants growing in my garden, my children take their Bengalla drink bottles to school, my boys have Bengalla proudly displayed on their football shorts, we submit entries into our local show each year, sponsored by Bengalla - Bengalla do play an active part in our community. Bengalla is one of the older mines in our area and has an excellent relationship and reputation amongst the community, so I can only see multiple benefits to allowing the continuation of its mining operations to go ahead.

They have done nothing but boost our local economy, as most employees live and play locally, they have taken great steps to employ local people through their fabulous apprenticeship program and sponsor many activities and projects within the Muswellbrook community of which I am an active member. I have not made any donations of any form over any period of time and can see no reason why this wonderful project should not continue.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Williams.

10/09/2013.

Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Donna Wise (support)

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Content:

In support of the Bengalla Continuation Project I would like to make the following points

- * Bengalla mine provides consistent long term employment to people in the Upper Hunter community. The community is further enhanced through donations and contributions to charitable organisations, and the support of projects to benefit residents.
- * The company is involved in environmental initiatives such as bird watching and tree planting.
- * The management of the visual impact of the mine site on the town of Muswellbrook has been well handled. The view from my home directly onto the mine is adequately pleasing.

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Submission: Online Submission from Donna Wise (support)

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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

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

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Dean Wise (support)

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Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

Bengalla is active in the local community and offers support to many local organisations. The company has demonstrated an excellent approach to managing the environmental impacts of its operations. My house looks directly over the mine and I feel the company has done an excellent job of minimising the visual impact of its operations. The extension of Bengalla's operations will offer long term secure employment to many people who will in turn contribute to the community, both socially and financially.

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Submission: Online Submission from Dean Wise (support)

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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project

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Matthew Sprott - Submission Details for Tim Wodward of Bengalla (support)

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Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:
 I have been involved in the Mining Industry in the Hunter Valley for the last 11 years with nearly the last 6 as an employee of Bengalla.

From the day you walk in the door you quickly learn that it's not our right to mine but a privilege that is extended to us by our neighbours and the community. We have a responsibility as individuals and a company to protect the environment, consider our neighbours and the community during our daily work. In the last six years I have seen this practiced on a daily basis time and time again. I am proud to say I work at Bengalla and we practice what we preach.

Bengalla has a presence within the local community through it's sponsorship of local events and community donations, which brings the community together.

It is for the above reasons that I support the continuation of Bengalla.

Tim Woodward

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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project
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Content:
I believe this expansion to be of vital importance to the growth of our town.

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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:

I support the continuation of Bengalla Mine. As a local Muswellbrook resident who works in the mining industry with a young family, the mine provides not only a huge number of local jobs, but also provides employment to many service providers through out the local area. I use local services where possible and I feel that if the mine ceased to exist then the community would suffer as a result as myself and many others would be forced to look for work else where. I feel that the mine provides significant support to the local community and that they manage the site well with its close proximity to the town. Many other mining companies could take a leaf out of Bengallas book on how to be actively engaged with the community in a positive manor.

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Submission for Job: #5170 Bengalla Continuation Project
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Submission to Oppose the Continuation of Bengalla Mine



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Director Mining and Industry Projects
Development Assessment Systems and Approvals
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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3rd October 2013

Our property "Gilgai" is located approximately 11km west of Muswellbrook on the Wybong Road. It is a second-generation sheep and cattle grazing property of 627ha. There are two residences on the property ID 168 (our home) and ID 169.

Improvements to the property started in the late 40's and have continued ever since. Extensive soil works through the Soil Conservation Service and now Catchment Management Authority. Pasture trials and pasture improvement with district Agronomists. Property planning and extensive fencing to improve management and to attempt to demonstrate successful sustainable agriculture.

Since the late 70's we have understood that there were considerable coal reserves in our area. Open cut coal mining would become part of our landscape. We also understand the importance of coal mining not only for Muswellbrook but also for NSW and Australia.

We are aware of the impacts of open cut coal mining and have been living with these impacts for many years.

We strongly oppose the Continuation of Bengalla Mine. This development will see mining continue westward, closer to our home and property for a further 21 years.

Continuation of Bengalla Mine EIS September 13 clearly indicates that we shall be affected. Levels of noise and dust will be above relevant acquisition criteria. Noise, greater than 5 Decibels above the intrusive criteria, shall be experienced from year one of the project. Dust, above the cumulative annual average PM₁₀ criteria (30µg/m³) from year eight of the project.

What Bengalla does not adequately address are the direct impacts from Blasting (including chemical smell and orange plume).

We have concerns already with respect to the impacts of vibrations on our house as a direct result from Blasting. We do not feel confident with the way Bengalla already deals with our complaints of chemical smells from Blasting. These are real health issues.

There are numerous open cut coal mines in our area and with the Continuation of Bengalla Mine the impacts indicate that it will be impossible for us to stay at "Gilgai". It has never been our intention to move. Our future is now very uncertain.

We strongly oppose the Continuation of Bengalla Mine.

Jonathan B. Moore
E M Moore
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3rd October 2013

Jonathan, Elisabeth and William Moore.

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11 October 2013

The Director
Major Development Assessment
Dept of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir,

BENGALLA COAL MINE
BENGALLA CONTINUATION PROJECT

We act for Elva Rankin and her son Warren James Rankin and on their behalf make the following submission by way of objection in relation to this development.

The application by Bengalla seeks approval for the development and continuation of the Bengalla Mine Project, currently operating pursuant to Development Consent 211/93 granted in 1995, to facilitate the westerly progression of open cut mining operations for a further twenty four (24) years.

Elva Rankin is the owner the property at 1166 Denman Road, Muswellbrook comprised in Lot 3 DP 29451, identified in the existing project approval as Receptor 117. Elva and Warren are the co-owners of the properties at 1100 and 1106 Denman Road, Muswellbrook comprised in Lots 1 DP 416130 and Lot 2 DP 29451, and identified as Receptors 118 and 119 respectively. An active dairy farming operation is conducted on the land.

Our clients' properties are identified within the existing approval for the Mount Arthur North Project as subject to acquisition upon their request on the basis of air quality impacts from the operation. Our clients also have the right under the approval to request mitigation measures by undertaken by Mount Arthur North in respect of noise, dust and visual impacts.

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The environmental assessment in relation to this application predicts that these properties will be further impacted by dust and noise emissions from the Bengalla Continuation Project. That is of great concern to our clients given their knowledge and experience of existing impacts.

Air Quality

The report of Todoroski Air Services in relation to Air Quality Assessment identifies our clients' properties as predicted to experience exceedences of air quality criteria, some of which are expressed to be systematic exceedences. The report notes that the properties are within the zone of acquisition under the existing Mount Arthur North approval. That of course does not assist our clients unless and until they exercise their right to request acquisition and in the meantime, they are left to endure increasingly uncomfortable and unacceptable conditions.

Our clients request that the applicant address the measures that are proposed to mitigate the impact at our clients' properties.

Noise and Blasting

The Acoustic Impact Assessment undertaken by Bridges Accoustics similarly identifies our clients' properties as predicted to experience significant noise impact during all conditions for the Project, including sleep disturbance noise impacts (again, described as "significant"). Similarly, it is noted that these properties fall within the Mount Arthur North zone of acquisition.

That of course is also of great concern to our clients given their experience of existing noise levels. Our clients request that the applicant specifically address the measures proposed to ameliorate noise impacts experienced by our clients.

Our clients also anticipate significant impacts from blasting operations and note that they fall within the group of residents who will be notified of a Sunday blast.

As previously stated, the properties are used in conjunction for the operation of a dairy farm and the safety of livestock depasturing thereon, as well as the safeguarding of improvements including underground irrigation infrastructure, is of vital importance.

Cumulative Impacts

Needless to say, having been residents of their Denman Road properties for over forty (40) years, our clients are gravely concerned as to the contribution of this Project to the adverse cumulative impact that now affects the ambience of the Upper Hunter region as a result of existing coal mining and other projects under consideration. Our clients have witnessed with dismay the severe and adverse degradation of the local environment.

Visual

Our clients specifically note the visual impacts predicted from Denman Road, indicated to be of "high sensitivity". Our clients expect that the Project will be very visible from their properties. Our clients request specific screening treatments to limit the impact, noting that the ameliorative measures that have been, and will continue to be, undertaken by Mount Arthur North on their properties will not extend to screening at the northern boundaries of their land.

Conclusion

Our clients now seek that the matters that have been raised in this submission be addressed.

Yours faithfully
SCONE LEGAL



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