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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.

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