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SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE MT OWEN CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT

DATE: 23.1.15

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PROJECT NAME: Mt Owen Continued Operations Project

APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD5850

Please write below statement of whether you support or object the Mt Owen Continued Operations Project and your reasons why:

I am an employee of Mt Owen (Thiess) and a Muswellbrook resident. I Support the continuation of Mt Owen as it is critical to the whole MTOWEN operation. Mt Owen employs many people and generates hundreds of millions of dollars to the local economy. With the recent downturn in Mining Muswellbrook and surrounding areas are suffering businesses are noticeably empty, lots of houses are for sale and prices have dropped as people have left town. IF Mt Owen is not continued many people face the likelihood of losing their jobs. I know that if I lose my job I would have to leave the area, and I'm sure a lot of others will too. There will also be the loss of investment in local businesses. I'm concerned how this will not only effect Muswellbrook, but the greater Hunter community. I don't believe our area and surrounds can afford to lose anymore mines.

Yours faithfully

Annette Pearson

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