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To whom it may concern,

I am an employee of Thiess at Mt Owen Mine. I support the continuation of Mt Owen Mine as it is critical to the running of the whole Mt Owen Mine Operations. Thiess are a major employer in the Singleton area supporting Mt Owen Mine and Glencore which generate hundreds of millions of dollars to the local and surrounding communities.

With the recent downturn in the mining industry, businesses are suffering, including Real Estate. If Mt Owen is not continued the entire Thiess workforce will become unemployed and will affect many people and businesses in Singleton and the greater Hunter community.

I don't believe Singleton and surrounds can afford to lose any more mines.

Regards

Ken Heldt