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SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE MT OWEN CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT

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PROJECT NAME: Mt Owen Continued Operations Project  
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I support the Mount Owen Continued Operations Project, I believe the continued operations at Mt Owen will improve access and safety for locals and create job security for hundreds of employees and their families.

All those working at Mt Owen are a community, a community that has been working together since mid 1990's, these people and their families would be profoundly affected by the closure of Mt Owen Mine, and these effects would move out to the broader community as a whole.

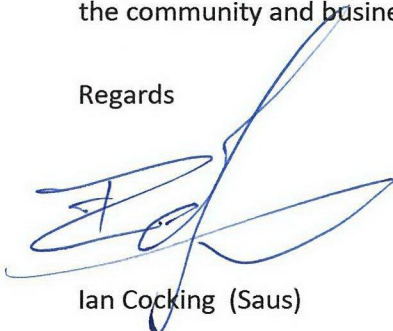
Already the Hunter region is suffering the effects of the job losses in the mining industry in our area, many families having to move out of the area, or even families having to adjust to husbands moving away to work. Further breakdown of the family environment for those having to adjust to unemployment.

The loss of income to the area will effect business's in the region that are already struggling from the downturn in mining in the valley, the loss of an employer this big would definitely see the closure of businesses.

Glencore plan to improve access the Ravensworth area by putting an overpass over the rail, improving access and safety to not only workers but the whole community.

I believe the continued operation at Mount Owen Mine would be best for all mount Owen families, the community and business's throughout the Hunter region.

Regards



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