

## Matthew Sprott

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**Content:**

I would like to make submission to support the continuation of the Mt Owen Coal mine. My wife and I have moved my family into the Hunter Valley, for a change of lifestyle. I was fortunate enough to gain employment at Mt Owen mine, some three years ago. In my role as the supervisor of drill & blast I am very aware of the responsibility I have not only to my work place, but all key stakeholders around the mine, and the community in general. We live in a rural setting, where my wife and daughters ride and breed horses, surrounded by coal mines. I am fully aware of the impact, that poor mining and blasting processes impose on the community.

I spend a great deal of my time ensuring that total compliance is delivered, for every blast. We continually strive to lower emissions, reduce noise and vibration, within the operation.

Looking at the impact on an already struggling economies, of Singleton and Muswellbrook, our small businesses, will continue to close, and suffer if we do not support this continuation application. A very high percentage of the workforce, live within these communities With children at schools, involvement in sporting and community groups. All employees support the local economies in various ways. With more people leaving these communities, due to the lack off employment, the amount of policing is being reduced, health providers is reducing in numbers thus the entire community suffers as a result.

I think it would be shame, to be a part of allowing our towns, and families to suffer. Due to this continuation application being refused.

Regards

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Submission: Online Submission from Neil Coles of Thiess (support)  
[https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view\\_activity&id=115822](https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_activity&id=115822)

Submission for Job: #5850 Mount Owen Continued Operations Project  
[https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view\\_job&id=5850](https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/?action=view_job&id=5850)

Site: #1182 Mount Owen Mining Complex  
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