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I fully support the Mt Owen Continuation project.

I believe this project will benefit the local community, wider hunter community and Australia. The economic benefits of exports, wages, jobs, investment tax and royalties are undeniable. I believe in the 20 years Mt Owen has been in existence it has minimised its environmental impact on the community (noise, dust, blasting and traffic). I sincerely believe if projects like this are not extended the existence of the Hunter Coal Industry will end - approving the extension is vital to the industry and Newcastle Port. Without the coal industry the Hunter as we know it will cease to exist. Mt Owen has been recognised for it's sustainable practices and is considered a leader in the area.

Mt Owen received the following awards:

- Hunter-Central Rivers Coal Industry Environmental Award for innovative practices to help conserve and enhance biodiversity in the Upper Hunter Valley (2005)
- Recognised by the International Society of Ecosystem Restoration as being in the top 30 of all restoration sites across Australia (2009)
- Selected by the NSW Mineral Council to conduct mine tours for community action groups as part of the Upper Hunter Valley Mining Dialogue (2012)
- Committed to studying the Spotted Tail Quoll populations in our rehabilitated areas to improve the sites approach to creating additional sheltering sites and foraging areas.

I think these recognition are evidence that Mt Owen goes above and beyond in the area of sustainability.

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