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I am an employee of the Mt Owen mine and a Singleton resident. My family has resided in the local area for five generations and my partner and I are expecting to add the sixth generation this year. I fear that the loss of the Mt Owen mine would mean I would have to look elsewhere for employment not having the chance to raise our upcoming child in the community that we love. I am proud and grateful for what mining has delivered to our community and my family.

I strongly support the continuation of operation at the Mt Owen mine which supports a large employee base and many small businesses in the Upper Hunter. Being employed at Mt Owen I see first hand the care taken to minimise the sites impact on the environment and the contibution that it makes to the community.

With the current downturn in the mining industry there have been significant impacts on the Singleton community in which I reside. Many small businesses have closed or are struggling to remain open and there has been a major increase in the number of properties for sale and the number of vacant rental properties in town. All of these factors have had a significant impact on many local residents and the loss of the Mt Owen operation would almost certainly see another major collapse of the Singleton community.

I hope the major benefits of this project are considered and that the interests of the local community are put first.

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