Keegan Farrell, of Rutherford NSW, made the following submission on the project:

Mount Owen Continued Operations Project

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Supports this project

I support the continuation of mining operations at Mt Owen not only because I currently hold a position with the company that currently operate the pit, but because I believe there are numerous positive impacts the mine has on the local community in addition to the economic benefits.

I have been working at Mt Owen for 4 years and I have the utmost respect for my colleagues and those others that work here. In my time here I have seen that the staff and workforce show a sense of passion and there is a positive culture that strives to perform through best practice. Working as a Mining Engineer involved with the mine planning at Mt Owen. I help to ensure that we plan our mining operations to be as efficient as possible as well as meet our rehabilitation requirements. From a moral standpoint I believe that the mining industry must strive for sustainable development by minimising its negative impact on the environment and community. I make it my responsibility to factor this in when implementing any plan or design. As a team I believe we share the same values and we will continue to meet our environmental compliances and further reduce the negative impact of mining.