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**(Name withheld) , of Muswellbrook NSW,
made the following submission on the project:**

Mount Owen Continued Operations Project



Supports this project

Director, Mining Projects

Department of Planning & Environment

I am a Muswellbrook resident and I support the continuation of Mt Owen Mine. I believe mining in the hunter is critical to not only the local community but the wider community. Mining has been in the hunter for many years in coexistence with other industries. The local community is suffering due the slow down of the mining industry, I believe we should be approving projects such as this in order to bring stability back into the mining industry. Mining injects billions of dollars into the local communities and also royalties for the state which benefits all of NSW. I believe it is definitely in the public interest to see this project approved as the local area relies heavily on projects such as this to survive. I have witnessed mining activities in a number of hunter mines including Mt Owen. I believe Mt Owen to be a very safe mine that employs best practice mining which looks after it's people and the environment.

I don't think the area could handle another mine closure. I think everything should be done to support mining jobs and the approval of Mt Owen's Continuation would secure hundreds of jobs for the future.