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**Content:**

I am in favour of the Rix's Creek Extension. I am employed at Rix's Creek which employees 130 people from Singleton and surrounding area. The mine is part of the Bloomfield Group and is 100% Australian family owned company.

The company complies with all the mining conditions and it would be good for the town of Singleton to allow the project to go ahead and extend in a westward direction away from Singleton, as it would give job prospect to other people and be good for small business' in the hunter valley.

The company not only has a great reputation for accepting and training new apprentices which is good for our people, and also are very generous in investing money in the area through local charities such as cancer council, Westpac helicopter, singleton hospital etc.

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**Content:**

As a partner of a worker at Rix's Creek, I would like to see the extension project go ahead. The reasons are:

- provide continued employment to current workers
- provide employment for people in the wider community
- as a privately owned and operated business, the business should be supported and applauded at the 'feeling' in the mine.
- Community groups and charities are supported through donations and sponsorships
- Staff development is a number 1 initiative and ensures that workers know the machinery worked on.
- Traineeships and apprenticeships are offered for those lucky enough to gain employment in the business.
- Federal and state governments benefit through royalties and taxes.
- Bloomfield Group work together as a family.

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Content:  
Rix's Creek Mine has demonstrated in the past 20 years the ability to limit & control environmental issues with surrounding areas of its current operation.  
I see this submission only as a positive that allows the operation to move further away from the township of Singleton.  
My family has been in the Mining Industry in the Hunter Valley for over 40 years.  
Rix's Creek Mine I believe would have to be the most committed mining operation in regard to rehabilitation of the land  
Australian Companies have a right to succeed in this country just like Australian Workers.

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9 December 2015

Director Mining & Infrastructure Projects

NSW Planning and Environment

Resources Assessments

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Dear Sir/Madame

**Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project**

We refer to the Rix's Creek mining project extension application submitted by Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd in accordance with the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

We understand that the Applicant has developed and published for public consideration an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

We endorse and support the extension application.

We are long term residents of Singleton and have been for in excess of 40 years.

The Rix's Creek mining project has brought prosperity to Singleton. The mine employs around 130 workers from around the area, and provides economic support to the local community. Not to mention that the Bloomfield Group of companies are well regarded in the local community and the mining industry more broadly for their good corporate activities and environmental practises. We have no hesitation in supporting the application.

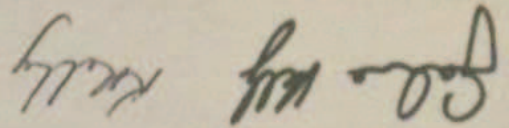
Rejecting the application, in our opinion would be detrimental to the township of Singleton and surrounding areas. As the expansion of the mine would see the mine gradually move away from Singleton, we anticipate that air quality and noise would be at lower than current levels.

The current impact of the mine on Singleton, other than economic prosperity, is negligible. We understand that the Applicant has previously made financial contributions to the community. Failing to accept the application may decrease the financial contributions made to local community groups by the Applicant.

We look forward to hearing that the application has being granted.

If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact Grahame on 0412 628 137.

Yours faithfully



Grahame Kelly & Karen Kelly

## Hamish Aiken

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Disclosable Political Donation: no

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Content:  
This submission will help protect a lot of jobs in the Singleton area.  
Also the Bloomfield Group is a local company which puts a lot of money back into the area

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### Clive Andrews

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**Content:**

I support the extension to Rix's Creek. I am employed at the mine as an operator. In my experience Rix's Creek take their environmental obligations seriously and operate in a that meets their conditions and is respectful of their Neighbours. I am very happy to be employed at Rix's Creek and wish for this to continue into the future under an extended approval. I am also proud of the contribution Rix's Creek and the workforce make in my local community. I urge the government and the PAC to approve the extension

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Submitted by a Planner: no

Disclosable Political Donation: no

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**Content:**

As an employee of the Rix's Creek Mine I strongly believe the extension should go ahead.

The company have always been committed to strive for high environmental standards in their mining practices. They are continually working with their neighbours and the local community to achieve this and form strong positive relationships with others.

The extension will see the mining process move further away from the township of Singleton therefore providing less impact on the community.

The family owned business has always been committed to have all the rehab area to follow the mining process as close as possible. This allows for less uncovered areas and will minimise the impact of the mining process. The proposed 'no void' to be left at the end of the mine shows me they are committed to leave the site in the best possible state.

This local employer provides many jobs on site, and has flow on benefits for the rest of the businesses in our struggling community.

From the reasons given I firmly believe the Rix's Creek extension should definitely go ahead.

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I support the proposal for the Australian based company to continue mining and employing people at the site.

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I strongly support this proposal.

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**Rix's Creek Mine Extension Project  
Letter of Support  
Submitted by Brett Lewis 12/11/15**

I wish to take up the opportunity to express my support for the Rix's Creek Mine Extension.

I am an employee of The Bloomfield Group and believe this puts me in an excellent position to make a submission.

For more than a quarter of a century, The Bloomfield Group's Rix's Creek mine has been –

- consistently producing coal for the export market
- paying a steady stream of royalties to the NSW government
- employing more than 100 people who reside locally or in the neighbouring regions
- as part of the broader Bloomfield Group, providing training opportunities for apprentices and university graduates
- successfully building relationships and positively working with immediate neighbours and the broader Singleton community
- at the forefront of environmental performance and innovation

I cannot think of any other activity that could be undertaken on this site that could bring better outcomes to the community as a whole.

For anyone who knows of The Bloomfield Group, the above points will not be a surprise. The performance and behaviours listed above are entirely consistent with how The Bloomfield Group has, for more than 75 years, conducted itself at its original mining operation at the Bloomfield Mine near Maitland....and it underpins why and how the Bloomfield Mine remains operating today.

The granting of the Rix's Creek Extension Project as proposed will enable the operation to respond and compete in an ever-more competitive market while at the same time retaining its necessary environmental and community performance.

In the future, as the mine progresses, the operations will be moving further away from immediate neighbours and the town of Singleton. So the potential for impacts on the community will naturally diminish. However by continuously reviewing its noise and dust mitigation strategies, made possible by emerging technologies, the Mine is committed to even further reduce potential for any impacts.

The majority of the site yet to be mined was cleared of its native vegetation more than a century ago by graziers and is currently used for low stock level beef cattle production. At its Maitland mining operation, The Bloomfield Group is currently rehabilitating mining areas to breed and raise beef cattle. This in-house experience will be available to Rix's Creek Mine so that the final land use can, as a base line and at the very least, be returned to the pre-mine use.

The Extension application seeks to enable the Company to continue its demonstrated and effective stewardship of the site until at least the open cut resource is fully respected and utilised.

When the Rix's Creek Mine is fully extracted and rehabilitation completed, The Bloomfield Group will have been successfully mining for more than 100 years.

I believe The Bloomfield Group has had a long and clear track record of leading performance in mining as well as environmental and community matters. The Rix's Creek site has no

apparent better alternative use and the continuation of the mine will maintain the tangible and significant benefits to the employees, company, local community and NSW Government. The submission to the Department of Planning is comprehensive and addresses issues through proposed mitigations or controls.

Given the above.....I unreservedly support the Rix's Creek Mine Extension application.

## Hamish Aiken

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**Content:**

I would like to see the Rix's Creek Extension project go ahead for several reasons:

1. It provides direct employment for over 140 people plus many more indirectly, of which I am one.
2. The Bloomfield Group is a privately owned Australian Company which should be applauded and supported.
3. There are many charities and community groups which receive support from the mine and company.
4. They provide training and support through both apprenticeships and traineeships for people wishing to enter the mining industry.
5. The mine always tries to operate at the highest standards. They 'Walk the Talk'.
6. The company contributes significantly to the state and federal governments through royalties and taxes.

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**David Balcombe**

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### Daisy Cullen

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