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# HVO SOUTH

OPEN CUT  
CONTINUATION PROJECT

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**RE: HVO South Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826621)**

This is a submission in support of the HVO continuation project.

My son is Geoffrey Stevenson. He is employed full time at Hunter Valley Operations and has been employed there since September of 2011. My son moved to Singleton after gaining employment with Rio Tinto Coal Australia to work at HVO.

Since working at HVO, my son has met his wife, married, bought his first house with his wife and has had two children with her. My son is very proud of his job and speaks of working there until the end of his working life. The income from his job is what enabled him to buy his first house. His job supports his family and provides safe and secure employment.

If the continuation project is approved, this will enable HVO to continue to operate until he reaches retirement age. It will also provide employment opportunities for his two young children (*aged five and eight*) once they finish school.

Warm regards,

**Dr Brian Stevenson**