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5 August 2024

Director – Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure  
Via Planning Portal

RE: Rix's Creek North Modification 10.

Dear DPHI,

My name is Chris Knight, I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation coal miner and lifetime resident of the Hunter Valley.

I write in strong support of the Rix's Creek North Modification 10 PA 08\_0102.

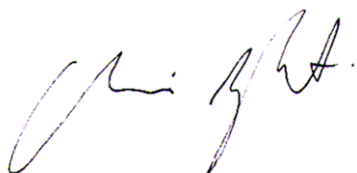
Approval of the Rix's Creek North Modification 10 will provide the following benefits:

1. The upgrade of CHPP facilities by installation of new processing equipment including solid bowl centrifuges which will reduce the future reliance on tailings dams.
2. New Run of Mine (ROM) coal stockpiles on existing disturbed areas which will allow greater flexibility and reduce the need for double handling.
3. An extension to the workshop to facilitate easier maintenance of equipment.
4. The use of an in-pit rock crushing facility to utilise rock materials onsite assisting to reducing the need to import materials for road construction and or stemming for blasting.
5. The replacement of an existing substation and the installation of a new switching station.
6. The disposal of heavy vehicle waste tyres, (which is already approved under the Environmental Protection Licence for the Rix's Creek South Mine) and disposal of inert waste concrete materials in-pit.

The above benefits will allow greater flexibility for the mining operation which in turn will provide continued employment for employees of The Bloomfield Group, payments of Company and PAYG taxes and payments of coal mining royalties to the State of NSW.

I strongly support the Rix's Creek North Modification 10.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Knight', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Knight. MEnvLaw, MEnvMgt, BSc(Geol), MAIG, JP.  
As a resident of New South Wales.