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

RE: Modification 5 Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project

Dear DPHI,

My name is Christopher Knight, I am a 5th generation coal miner and lifetime resident of the Hunter Valley.

I write in strong support of the **Modification 5 Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project- MP07_0087 -MOD5**.

The proposed Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Modification 5 is **substantially the same development** as the development for which consent was originally granted in September 2009. The proposed Modification fits within the regulatory framework of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979), and specifically within the consideration of Section 4.55 (2). Table 3.1 of the Modification Assessment (EIS) clearly demonstrates that the Project is **substantially the same development**.

Mining within the area has occurred since the 1850's, with Bloomfield Colliery commencing in 1937. The continuation of mining in this area and the approval of this modification is a logical decision which will provide the following benefits:

1. greatly reduce the size of the final void and provide lower rehabilitated slope angles conducive to the final cattle grazing land use.
2. address a number of historic legacy mining areas at the site including removal of shallow underground workings to provide long-term stability and reduce potential risk from mine subsidence.
3. Ongoing employment for employees at Bloomfield Colliery including ongoing employment for associated contractors and suppliers.
4. Continued expenditure with local suppliers and ongoing support of community organisations through The Bloomfield Group Foundation.
5. Ongoing payment of taxes to the State and Commonwealth during the years of additional mining.
6. Ongoing payment of royalties to the State for the additional resource to be mined.

The above benefits will provide a 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.

This proposed **Modification 5 Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project** is a modification and should be approved by the NSW Government for the benefit of the people and the State of New South Wales.

I strongly support the approval of **Modification 5 Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project**.

Yours sincerely,

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As a resident of New South Wales.