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The CFMEU (the Union) has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by Centennial Angus Place Pty Ltd for its Mine Extension Project, and wishes to advise NSW Planning and Infrastructure of its strong support for the continued operations of the Angus Place Colliery.

In particular, the continuation of operations for a further 25 years will provide significant benefits not only to the local Lithgow community, but also to both New South Wales and the Commonwealth. These are discussed in more detail below.

Mining is the largest employment group in the local community and is therefore of vital importance to employment within the local area. The continuation of the Angus Place Colliery will secure the employment of the current workforce of 300, with over 80% of these living in the Lithgow Local Government area. As a result, the Angus Place Colliery provides an important positive contribution to the local community through employee remuneration.

Through the EIS, it is clear that securing the future of Angus Place Colliery will provide a major economic benefit to the local community. Direct employment benefit alone is \$418 million with a total economic benefit of \$770 million. These are very significant benefits, particularly when compared to the recent EA submitted by Coalpac Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) for the modification of its mines in the same local area. Centennial is a natural supplier to the power stations and is the unions preferred supplier because of the significant number of local jobs Centennial mine's support.

If the proposed extension is not approved, Angus Place Colliery will cease operations in 2016, resulting in a significant reduction to local mining jobs – the largest employment sector within the area. As a large supplier of domestic coal this would also impact the Mt Piper Power Station, who would need to source coal from other locations or coal that would otherwise be exported, potentially impacting the cost of electricity production and the price of electricity in New South Wales.

For these reasons the Union supports the EIS, which will secure local jobs and continue to underpin not only the local economy but also the economy of New South Wales.

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