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Dear Minister

On behalf of Orica, we hereby voice our support for Coal & Allied's Warkworth Continuation and Mt Thorley Continuation applications, to avoid a significant drop in production and employment.

Orica is one of Mount Thorley Warkworth's key suppliers, and the mine is one of Orica's largest customers in the region.

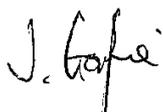
Orica employs more than 750 people in the local Hunter Valley region. A significant drop in production at the Mount Thorley Warkworth mine would result in a reduction in Orica jobs in the region.

Beyond Orica, thousands of people in the broader economy depend on this mine, and if production was to cease or even reduce the negative impact would be felt throughout local communities.

If the application to continue operating this 30 year old mine does not get approved, we are worried about what this will mean for local jobs and investment across the NSW mining industry.

Please accept this submission in **support** of both the Warkworth Continuation and Mt Thorley Continuation projects.

Kind regards



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