

**Brendan Liew - Expression of Support for the proposed Modification 5 to Wilpinjong Coal Mine**

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Good afternoon Brendan,

Please accept this email as my show of **support** for the proposed Modification 5 to Wilpinjong Coal Mine.

I strongly believe that mining has contributed positively to Australia's economy and that this has had flow on effects to the state of NSW and our region here in Mudgee NSW.

Since moving to Mudgee with my wife (who was brought up here in Mudgee) some six years ago we have witnessed the positive impacts on local services and the expansion of Mudgee into a thriving little country town, the likes of which many other regions would no doubt be envious of. It has seen the opening of major retail chains such as BIG W and ALDI, in addition to the building of new medical centres and attracting new doctors and health professionals to our thriving little town.

It is also fair to say that mining has had a huge impact on the employment opportunities for the local community and has clearly raised the standard of living of the entire community, not just providing jobs in the mines itself but also in the local community for all the services and businesses that support the mines and the needs of their families.

Since moving to Mudgee both my wife and I have secured jobs in the mining industry and this has had a very positive flow on effect to our family, being able to afford to send our children to University and just the general quality of life we now lead.

In summary I give my full support to the proposed Modification 5 to Wilpinjong Coal Mine and the continuing positive effects it will have on us locally and globally.

Yours sincerely,

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