

**Brendan Liew - Wilpinjong Coal s75W Modification**

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Dear Mr Liew

I would like to support Wilpinjong Coal's s75W Modification submission.

While I am not employed in the coal or supporting industries my son and son-in-law are.

This has enabled them to find work in the district allowing us to be a family unit. This is very important to me as I believe my daughter and daughter-in-law being at home with the four small grandchildren is essential to their development.

Over the last ten years I have seen Mudgee grow from a country town into a regional centre, now being able to provide a much broader range of services and greater diversity of employment. A large number of students completing their high school education now do not have to leave the district to find employment.

Over the last few years Mudgee has grown while neighbouring towns have struggled due to the GFC and drought. Until the recent downturn in the mining industry Mudgee had been growing continuously but now is suffering economically which shows the vital importance of mining to the area.

Even with the downturn in the industry Wilpinjong Coal has still continued to make donations to local charities, which now with other coal mines make up a significant portion of donations. For example Wilpinjong Coal sponsored a race meeting at the Mudgee Race Course which provided \$30000 to charity and paid for the running of the race meeting.

With all progress there is a down side but this is far outweighed by the benefits that coal mining has brought to the Mid Western Regional Council area.

In dealings that I have had with Wilpinjong Coal I have found them to be a very ethical and understanding company.

Should you require a more indepth comment I would be only too happy to provide it.

Yours sincerely  
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