

**From:** "Byrom, Stephanie (RTE)" <Stephanie.Byrom@riotinto.com>  
**To:** "elle.donnelley@planning.nsw.gov.au" <elle.donnelley@planning.nsw.gov.au...>  
**Date:** 11/18/2013 10:20 am  
**Subject:** Warkworth Consent 2003 Mod 6

November 18, 2013

The Hon. Bradley Hazzard

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

c/- Elle Donnelly

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

GPO Box 39

Sydney, NSW 2001

Dear Mr Hazzard

I am writing in regard to the proposed modification to the Warkworth Coal Mine (Modification 6), and wish to voice my support for this project. I strongly encourage the swift approval of the project as described in the Environmental Assessment.

Coupled with the outcomes of the recent Land and Environment court judgment, the lengthy delays and stop start nature of the NSW Planning process has placed the Warkworth Mine in a precarious position, such that this proposed modification is the only avenue available to secure the employment of approximately 1300 employees, myself included.

As outlined in the Environmental Assessment, the negligible environmental impact associated with this modification is far outweighed by the economic benefits what will be derived from the project, and the security that the modification will provide to Warkworth Coal Mine, allowing time to further assess the future of the mine whilst maintaining production and more importantly - employment levels, as close as possible to the current rate.

The industry currently faces unprecedented levels of scrutiny from key regulatory agencies and an ever increasingly informed community, supported by a generally anti-mining media sector. Despite these pressures, the Warkworth mine continues to deliver leading practice environmental management, testament to the commitment of the company to operate in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. Numerous examples of leading practice management are outlined in the Environmental Assessment, and I ask the Minister to consider these leading practice measures when determining the outcome of the approval process in this instance.

In challenging economic times, the Planning authority should be doing all that it can to support the industry through robust assessment and prompt decision making. The recent changes to the Planning process are welcome and encouraging, and I urge the Minister to ensure the swift progression of the Warkworth proposed modification through that process, guaranteeing my employment and that of my 1300 colleagues.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Byrom  
Environmental Graduate - Operations, MTW

Rio Tinto  
PO Box 315, Singleton, 2330, New South Wales, Australia  
M: 0427 009 423

stephanie.byrom@riotinto.com<mailto:stephanie.byrom@riotinto.com>

<http://www.riotinto.com><<http://www.riotinto.com>/>

Rio Tinto Coal Australia Limited. Registered office: 120 Collins Street Melbourne 3000 Australia.

ABN 62 004 219 738

This email is confidential and may also be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify us immediately and

delete this message from your system without first printing or copying it. Any personal data in this email (including any

attachments) must be handled in accordance with the Rio Tinto Group Data Protection Policy and all applicable data protection laws.