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Director, Mining Projects
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Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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RE: Application No: DA 300-9-2002-i MOD 6

Dear Director,

I support Coal & Allied's Warkworth Modification application to gain access to an additional 350m of land owned by the mine, to avoid a significant drop in production and employment.

I have worked at Mount Thorley Warkworth for three and a half years in the Human Resources Team. I have a young family and my husband and I rely on my job at MTW to help support our family.

If Mount Thorley Warkworth were to close down or downsize my family would be forced to relocate out of the Hunter Valley. We currently spend a significant portion of our income in the local Singleton community and had intended on purchasing a home here in the next 12 months.

Mount Thorley Warkworth provides a stable income for over 1,300 full time employees in the Hunter Valley. And the operation of the mine reaches into many other businesses that supply MTW. Thousands of people depend on this mine and if production was to drop, the result could be devastating.

We need certainty. We've been wondering what the future holds now for four years. If this minor modification to an existing, 30 year old mine does not get approved, I am worried about what this will mean for local jobs and investment across the NSW mining industry.

Please accept this submission in support of the Warkworth Modification.

Regards,

Amy Hartmann