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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,

Please accept my submission in support of Coal & Allied's Warkworth Modification application. To avoid a significant drop in production and employment it is critical that Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW) gain access to an additional 350m of land owned by the mine.

I have worked for Mount Thorley Warkworth for almost three years and my wife also works for MTW.

My wife and I moved to the Hunter Valley specifically to work for Coal & Allied, relocating our family from Queensland. We have purchased a house in Singleton and our children attend a local school. I am also heavily involved in the Singleton community.

My wife and I rely on employment from Mount Thorley Warkworth to support our family. As we both hold support roles within the Coal & Allied organisation, these roles would potentially go in the next 12 to 24 months should Mount Thorley Warkworth not gain access to the additional 350m of land owned by the mine.

As an employee who lives locally in Singleton, a large amount my salary is spent with local businesses on goods and services that my family needs. We buy our groceries locally, buy bread and meat from the local bakery and butcher shop. We use the local hairdresser, optometrist, doctor surgeries, pharmacies and post office. The list goes on and on and it is this expenditure within the local community that helps to keep the Singleton economy afloat and circulating.

Finally, the workforce of Mount Thorley Warkworth need and deserve 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,

Andrew Turner