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Dear Minister

On behalf of Orica, we hereby voice our support for 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.

Orica is one of Mount Thorley Warkworth's key suppliers, and the mine is one of Orica's largest customers in the region.

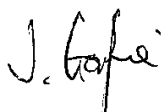
Orica employs over 600 people in the local Hunter Valley region. A significant drop in production at the Mount Thorley Warkworth mine would result in a significant reduction in Orica jobs in the region.

Beyond Orica, thousands of people in the broader economy depend on this mine, and if production was to drop the result could be devastating.

If this minor modification to an existing 30 year old mine does not get approved, we are 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

Kind regards



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