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Director Mining Projects  
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**Reference:** Mount Thorley Warkworth, application number - DA 300-9-2002-i MOD 6

Dear Sir,

The Singleton Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. Executive Committee would like to support Rio Tinto's application to expand the Mount Thorley Warkworth Open Cut.

We believe there will be an extensive economic benefit to the region:

- Increased direct jobs and supporting contracting companies employment opportunities
- Increased opportunities for member businesses, supplier businesses and business in general (flow effect to retail and service businesses from increased employment and economic activity)
- Increased direct spend by Rio Tinto in the local area

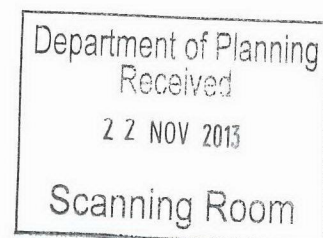
Although we are not in a position to comment on the detail of environmental considerations, there has been significant benefit to the Hunter Valley from the Mining Industry over a long period of time.

Singleton has benefited by the Resources boom. Many businesses have been attracted to the area and our facilities and infrastructure has grown accordingly. This project will continue to provide business for many of those firms who might otherwise have left the area, taking their people with them. It will give some sustainability to the area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Fitzpatrick". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Ryan Fitzpatrick  
President – The Singleton Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc  
On behalf of the Executive



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