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Director, Mining Projects
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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 been employed by Mount Thorley Warkworth for about 26 years since 1987. I am a dragline operator and I enjoy what I do there.

I have a daughter out there as a truck driver and with the extension lost it will be sadly missed not helping the work continuing and the grandchildren relying on the work she does.

The impact of the mine closing there would cause a lot of backlash not only with the miners and families but the surrounding towns who would be greatly affected.

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,

Gary John Benn

