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Director, Mining Projects
Development Assessment Systems and Approvals
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

RE: Application No: DA 300-9-2002-i MOD 6

Dear Director,

Please accept this submission in support of 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 almost three years in a Business Analyst role. My husband also works for Coal & Allied, working across all Coal & Allied Hunter Valley operations in a Community Relations role.

My husband 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.

My husband 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 almost certainly 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. Losing one or both of our incomes would be devastating to our family, like many young families we are just making ends meet and need our income to pay off our mortgage and provide for our children. Losing our job would result in us relocating back to Queensland.

We enjoy living in Singleton and are involved in many school and community groups and events. We intend to make Singleton our long term home but need job certainty to make this happen. We need Mount Thorley Warkworth to have its application approved by the NSW government.

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. 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. Should I lose my job at Mount Thorley Warkworth and my family were to relocate then my contribution to the local economy would be lost. Singleton as a community needs the Warkworth application to be approved, to ensure that the local economy remains strong.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Turner'.