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Dear Minister Stokes

On behalf of Orica, we hereby voice our support for the Anglo American Drayton South application to avoid the loss of 500 jobs currently held with Anglo American Drayton Mine.

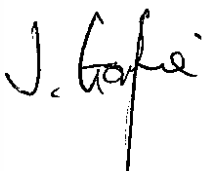
Orica is one of Anglo American Drayton's key suppliers, and the mine is one of Orica's largest and oldest customers in the region.

Orica employs more than 700 people in the local Hunter Valley region. If Anglo American Drayton mine is to cease this would also result in a reduction in Orica jobs in the region.

Beyond Orica, the Drayton South application is critical to the local community and economy, not only saving 500 jobs at the mine but also continuing to provide work for the 140 local businesses that rely on the mining sector. Anglo Drayton currently supports local schools and sporting teams as well as local charities and community services. If this application is not approved the community will suffer.

Please accept this submission in **support** of the Anglo American Drayton South Project

Kind regards



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