

# **MANDALONG SOUTHERN EXTENSION PROJECT**

## **– ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

I Byron Mcilveen am an employee of Centennial Coal at Mandalong Mine and have been for the past 9 years.

I am happily married with two children who go to the local public primary school.

Mandalong has a work force of over 300 people and many more people employed in the manufacturing and support industries directly due to this mine.

With out Mandalong mine there will be untold unemployment in this Region and it would be likely that other operations wouldn't continue if Mandalong was to be unsuccessful in its application.

I spend my money in the local community and if Mandalong was to close, I would be required to move to gain employment some where else.

I am president of Marmong Point Sailing Club and also I organize the NSW windsurfing race series, as well as compete in them. I would no long be able to do this if this project is not approved.

Mandalong has an excellent track record of extracting coal with absolute minimal environmental impacts and this is something we are very strong and passionate about.

The southern extension is not a new mine but just business as usual so we can extract coal for power generation for the state of NSW.

If Mandalong was to be unsuccessful Eraring and Delta would have to purchase coal from other coal mines from another region which would be at a much higher rate which would mean electricity price rises and increase shipments of coal.

All our coal is transported underground on conveyor belts to the local power stations so the community never sees or hears the coal and most in the local community don't even know there is a large scale coal mine near them.

Byron Mcilveen

A proud Coal Miner for the production of electricity for NSW.

Let's keep the lights on.