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PERSONAL INFORMATION

My brother and I run a family business called J&J Stonewall Constructions. We have 5 employees and up to 10 contractors working for us most of the time.

I am 40 years old and have a partner and 3 children. The business is my only source of income and I have built up a good relationship with the community and get many referrals for business.

I am about to start building our first home and would like to look forward to the future with confidence.

THE AREA

Most of our work is in Berrima, Burradoo, Bowral, Kangaloon, Moss Vale and Robertson. Our work is mainly commissioned by people moving from Sydney to the pristine landscape and way of life that is the Southern Highlands

WATER

If the landscape becomes barren because of a lack of water or the vistas are compromised or even the thought of mining on potential residents we will loose the type of people that make up our customer base.

EMPLOYMENT

I am very worried that bringing mining to this area will have a severe impact on my business and therefore lifestyle. It will not only affect me but also my employees and contractors.

SUMMARY

I do not want to see Mining threaten this area or changing the demographic of society here. I want to look forward to the future with confidence for myself and family, there is no future in coal mining but there is in stone-masonry.