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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 37 years old and have a wife and 3 children. We are well established in our area and well known in the community.

THE AREA

Our work is mainly commissioned by people moving from Sydney who are looking for a change of lifestyle and a touch of luxury, the Southern Highlands offers great locations and landscapes to achieve this goal.

OUR WORK

I do a lot of work with Stone Homes and rely on a steady stream of new customers to keep us busy, if the demographics or landscape change because of mining or the thought of mining 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 want to see this area grow and prosper so my children can grow up in a great environment without the risk of loosing identity or amenities.

Mining threatens the image that the Highlands has moulded itself into and has no place here.