

GLENDALL MINE EXTENSION PROJECT in the Hunter Region

The Glendell Mine Extension Project is a huge opportunity for the regional communities of the Hunter Region where the investment and jobs that will be generated by this project are desperately needed.

Coal mining is important to me and my family, our community and NSW.

More than 23,000 coal miners in NSW rely on coalmining for their livelihood. There are more than 7,000 local businesses across NSW that are supported by mining.

Coal is NSW's most valuable export commodity, with a value of more than \$20 billion.

We urgently need projects like the Glendell Mine Extension Project to be approved to secure jobs and investment for local communities.

The Glendell Mine Extension Project has the support of the local community, local MPs, local Council and local businesses.

The project will provide 350 jobs during construction and permanent full-time employment for 690 people during the project's operation across the extended mine life.

The federal government's tables of multiplier effects shows that more than three times as many indirect jobs are created for every person directly employed in a coal mine.

Coal is Australia's most valuable export. The state of NSW will benefit from \$296 million in royalties by approval for this project. This is money that NSW will be able to spend on our hospitals, schools and roads.

Our national, state and local economies relies heavily on coal mining so coal mining benefits all Australians.

Coal from Australian coal mines has ideal qualities and it has fewer impurities, such as sulphur, than coal from other countries such as Asian countries. So the use of Australian coal is reducing pollution, such as sulphur dioxide, on a worldwide basis.

NSW needs to focus on the positive aspects of coal mining and its many benefits so as to not be distracted by ideologically driven anti-mining activists.

We should all be proud of what coal mining is doing and can do in future for Australia, NSW and the Hunter Region.

The reports submitted for the Glendell Mine Project demonstrates its comprehensive coverage of all environmental issues. The benefits from the commencement of this coal mine are immense.

For all of these reasons I fully support the Glendell Mine Extension Project.

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