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To the Planning and Assessment Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to write to you today, on what I and many others believe is a crucial decision to the wider community, not just the mining industry.

My name is Aaron Goadsby and I represent Pit Patrol today as the current General Manager. Pit Patrol is a transport provider that service not only Wilpinjong but all mines throughout NSW and QLD , so the sustainability and any expansions keep our workers actively employed and in turn provide for their families. We have over 75 employees and contractors that we use daily.

I would like to take this opportunity to pen to you on the effect this decision has to the suppliers of the mining industry and the impact that will make on the community. I understand there is a direct effect on the mining employees which would be terrible to see, however, it would not be just these jobs in jeopardy if the Wilpinjong Extension Project was not approved. We all know of the current heavily publicised downturn, with over 2500 direct mining jobs already lost, how can we afford to lose more jobs?

As a supplier to the mining industry, including Wilpinjong for both Thiess and Peabody, we employ directly over 54 people locally plus contractors used daily as well as spending several millions of dollars annually in the community on goods and services. I do not know the actual number of suppliers to the mine, I estimate over 300 different companies provide goods and services to Wilpinjong alone, Many of these contractors employ staff on a casual basis, their only solution will be to decrease hours for employees across the entire staff, or decrease the amount of employees in their business. How many employees of suppliers, who in turn spend their earnings throughout the local communities, are going to lose their source of income?

I am a believer in the turnover effect of every dollar earned being spent several times in the community. If local employees are going to lose their source of income, how much money will not be continually spent in the community?

Over 4000 Hunter and Central West communities and local businesses are dependent on the mining industry or their employees for turnover of their business, fuel stations, hair dressers, super markets, and even the corner takeaway provide services and goods to employees of Wilpinjong and other mines, How long could these local businesses survive without the mining industry?

So I ask you all to consider

How can the Mudgee and surrounding communities afford to lose more jobs?

How many employees will lose their complete job or a substantial amount of income?

How much money will not be spent in the community?

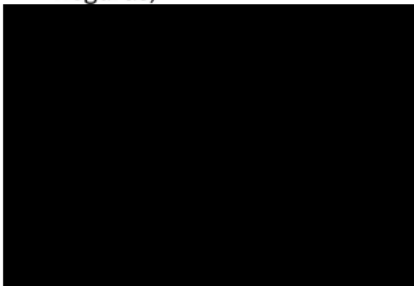
How long can local business survive?

How long can local organisations supporting senior citizens and both local junior and senior sports continue to sponsor and promote?

Therefore, if all the legal requirements of Wilpinjong's mine extension are met by Peabody and those involved, how can you not approve this application for the benefit of the community?

This application will affect the long term security of more people than Wilpinjong's direct employees, I urge you all to consider this wider effects on the community if we see another mine extension not approved. No one will benefit from it at all.

Regards,



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