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## **Public Meeting - Springvale Water Treatment Project**

Thanks for giving me opportunity to express my opinion on Springvale Water Treatment Project.

My name is Usman Mahmood. I have a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. I work for Energy Australia at Mt. Piper Power Station. I am going to speak in the favour of Springvale Project.

The approval of this project is directly linked with the continued operation of Mt. Piper Power Station. This station is the youngest thermal power plant in NSW and have a remanent life of 30 year. Springvale mine is the only local mine which can supply fuel for the station at an affordable cost. In the recent years, a lot capital is spent at Mt. Piper to carryon midlife refurbishments and upgrades. It would be shame to let all that investment go in vain. I endorse this project on following basis.

## 1) Water Quality

This project is going to improve the water quality in the Cox's River and Lake Lyell. Lake Lyell is a great attraction for the local area and improved water quality will ensure safety of the public and marine life. This project is also going to reduce Mt. Piper Power Station's reliance on fresh river water.

## 2) Local Tourism and Motel Industry

During mine and power station maintenance periods, this town attracts a lot of workers from outside and help local tourism and motel industry. Mount Piper power station also provides site tours and without such a facility, this town cannot attract the young tourists. A lot of community projects and festivals are held with the help of sponsorships.

## Employment Opportunities

Springvale mine and the power station provide a stable employment for a lot of local residents. The proposed project is going to attract huge capital investment and creation of jobs, not only during the initial construction phase but also throughout the remaining life of the project.

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