

Good morning/afternoon ladies and gentleman of the planning assessment commission

My name is Camryn Jones, I am eleven years old, I'm in year six and I attend Lithgow Public School.

My dad works at Springvale. He, my mum and my sister Isabelle and I have all been born and raised in Lithgow.

As I mentioned I attend Lithgow Public School.

I am very involved in my school community participating in the school hockey team, touch football team, debating team, I have been to school spectacular and hoping to attend again this year. I play the clarinet, I'm in the school band and I am going to the opera house for recorder this year. And I am the house captain of Hoskins and I help regularly in the school library.

*I believe this is so important that I be here today to give my opinion, that I had a day off school.*

I also participate in Lithgow Lazars Basketball and netball as Weekend sports with my friends; many of their dads also work at Springvale and in the local area. Springvale CFMEU and their Charity Assistance Fund sponsor State and Australian representatives in these sports and many others.

I believe that the planning assessment commission should approve the water treatment plant extension because if they don't many jobs will be lost. Not approving the water treatment plant extension could result in families having to move because there are no jobs in Lithgow. All our local sporting teams will decrease dramatically, our schools will get smaller which may decrease the funding they receive, and the people spending money in all our shops will decline as well. Also if my dad loses his job my family will probably have to move from Lithgow to get another job somewhere else, like many other families. Moving means I'll have to leave my house, family and friends behind and have to leave my school that I love and start a new school.

I understand that we will move into different ways of generating power in the future, but at the moment coal is what keeps our lights on, it's what gives us our power right now, and everyone uses power, even the greenies.

Concluding, I hope you now have an understanding of this situation from a child's perspective, and know that this decision will

affect many more people than just the company  
and the workers.

Thank you for your time.