As a long time volunteering youth mentor on the Central Coast, I am well aware of the dearth of jobs for young school leavers in this region. I am continually advising them that more than likely, they will have to travel to the larger centres like Sydney or Newcastle to find a career. This move can have a disruptive effect on their family life at a young age, when they need that support.

With an expanding population in this region, the problem of providing local work is compounding, as more school leavers hit the job market. As the ABS figures will verify, many just give up and consequently have no goals or ambition for strive for.

I am confident that this project once it becomes operational, will contribute significantly to alleviate the local unemployment problem, and offer long term careers to local youth and ensuring that becoming productive citizens of the community.

I can state this with conviction as the Wallarah team has supported our project in the past and other community organisations. I believe as a corporation the company has a genuine interest in the development and welfare of the local community.

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