

The Independent Planning Commission of
New South Wales.
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000.

13^h June 2018.

RE: Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300) – R043/18

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to make a public submission in support of the Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300).

My name is Hannah Bowe, I hold a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Science and Management, majoring in Sustainability. I have lived in the Hunter Valley my entire life, being born and raised on a rural property in Morpeth on the Hunter River. I plan to continue living, working and raising a family in the Hunter Valley and as such I care immensely about the long term environmental health and economic success of this region.

I am proud to be an Environmental Officer at Rix's Creek Mine. I can attest for the highest standard of environmental performance that exists within this Company. Rix's Creek Mine places a strong focus on environmental compliance and demonstrate best practice environmental management across the operation. In my role I assist with the coordination of environmental compliance and the implementation of environmental management across site. This includes but is not limited to Aboriginal and cultural heritage management, biodiversity management, blast impact management (air blast overpressure, ground vibration, fume), community relations and consultation, dust / air quality management, operational mine noise management, post-mining land rehabilitation, waste management, water management (ground & surface). Importantly, the Rix's Creek environmental team work very closely with all departments and levels of management within the company and uphold the point that we are one team working together towards a common goal.

I am also very proud to be a second generation employee at this Company. My father is also employed by The Bloomfield Group, and has been since 1990. There is a long-standing theme of our workforce spanning across generations. It is my experience that this layering of families has come about from young people growing up with the knowledge that their parents work for a good Company who genuinely care about employees, their families and the communities they come from.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my support for this Continuation of Mining Project.

Kind Regards,

Hannah Bowe

