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Re: Submission to public meeting Clean Teq Sunrise Mine proposal.

To whom it may concern,

As an employee of the NSW Department of Education and Principal of Trundle Central School cannot openly support a profit generating business such as Clean Teq Sunrise Mine. Therefore, any information contained in this submission should be treated as information to be considered rather myself for or against the development.

These facts I believe have not been adequately considered or have been corrupted through ill-informed people commenting without complete access to facts.

* The Department of Education has many schools that function well on roads with higher traffic densities than what is proposed for Trundle when the mine is functioning. Therefor the school will conduct risk assessments and implement appropriate strategies to minimise risk in conjunction with Departmental expert consultation.
* The school has an existing bus bay which is located in excess of 5 metres from the main road. In addition, the majority of students live on the western side of the school and therefore do not need to cross the main road to return home. In addition, the parent parking area in located in Croft Street well away from the main road.
* The school has existing flashing lights and marked crossings.
* Current census data indicates the majority of the Trundle population is aged from 45 -65. This highlights the need to attract younger people to Trundle which I believe can only be done through the generation of employment. If this is mine it should be considered. The opportunities for younger people to remain in the town are particularly limited.
* Trundle like most small towns has suffered population decline because of changes to rural economies especially the profitability of farming. Continuing to have a one-dimensional economy and a population pyramid that is weighted heavily towards the older years will continue this decline in my opinion.

The Trundle economy at present is dependent on agriculture. The economic input of this industry to the economy is dependent on many locally uncontrollable variables such as weather and overseas influences. A development of this size will always generate conflicting emotions and opinions. However I think it is important that the above facts are considered in the decision making process. I am happy for the people involved in the decision making process to interview me personally as a citizen of Trundle

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