

Letter of Support

Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Philip Le. I write on behalf of Mountain View Bakery (Kandos Bakery) in support of the Proposal Bylong Coal Mine which could bring a lot of benefits to Kandos and all the towns around Bylong Valley.

I have been managing Kandos Bakery for nearly 5 years. In the last 5 years, I can see Kandos's economy is going down, it is getting worse and worse every day. Since all the industries such as Kandos Cement, Charbon coal and Big Rim were closed down, many local people have lost their job. Therefore, they have been moving away to other places to live and to find job in order to survive. At the moment, most people who are still living in Kandos relying on unemployment's support from government. Every day, Kandos bakery is serving mostly the elderly and unemployed residents. Many small businesses in Kandos and Rylstone has been closed down due to decrease in population. For those reasons, Bylong coal mine is the only hope to recuse Kandos and many other towns around. It will bring more people including workers and their families back to towns. In the case of Bylong coal mine is rejected by government, we have to close down the bakery because Bylong mine is the reason that we are working here at the moment. And I do not think the rest of the businesses could survive with this situation. Although we cannot make much profit and recently there are no profit at all, we are still working and hoping a brighter future with Bylong coal mine.

I know that there are many protesters from other areas and even from other states came here to protest the Bylong coal mine. But they do not live here and understand what is going on in these rural areas which relies mostly from the mine industries. If there are no jobs for people here, everyone will go to bigger town or big city (Sydney) to live. And I do not think this is a good idea for the government.

In general, I love Kandos and I want to stay here for the rest of my life, but I need a job, people need a job to survive. I believe that every word that I am writing here are also the word of many local people here want to say. Please approve the proposal Bylong coal mine.

My sincerely,

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