

I support the United Wambo project.

I am a local and have lived in Singleton most of my life. The district needs this approval because of the jobs it will create. This in turn leads to money being spent in the community. This money will keep our district going.

I am currently on a contract at the United Collieries office. I want a permanent job and need this project approved. Without approval I will be out of work.

The majority of people who are against the mine do not even live in this area and do not have any idea on how the mines contribute to our local community. My son attends a local primary school and the majority of books that he brings home from the school library have been paid for by a coal mine. If you look around Singleton, the mines are sponsoring events such as the Singleton Show and the annual Christmas event in the main street. There is a long list of events, sponsorships and funding that these mines pay for and without them Singleton would not exist. Singleton Council do not have the funds to cover what the mines contribute to our community.

So if this mine project is rejected, the people opposed to it will go back to their homes (somewhere else besides Singleton) and get on with their lives and the people in Singleton will eventually move away to find work or just slowly wither away.

So please think about our community when making your decision. If rejected, the flow on effects are enormous. We need this approval to keep going. Farming alone will not provide for Singleton, the mines will.

Thanks.