As the owner of a local business, I fully support this important project.

I believe this is a sensible project that will be undertaken in a responsible way by two experienced miners. The United Wambo Open Cut mine, and projects like it, are vital to the ongoing economic viability of the greater Singleton/Muswellbrook area.

This project will help the sustainability of our business, and many other local businesses, and provide employment for people in our community. The employment opportunities generated by this project will extend well beyond those directly employed by the project.

As a ‘brownfield’ project I believe the environmental impact can be appropriately managed, and I would note that Peabody and Glencore have worked hard to address concerns from local residents and the broader community.

I support responsible coal mining in the Hunter Valley and I therefore support this project.

Regards,

Mark Payne

General Manager

Hunter Valley Rubber