

**Independent Planning Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St, Sydney**

United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project (SSD 7142)

My name is Stephen Smith and I strongly support the United Wambo Joint Venture Mining Project.

As a long term resident of Singleton (29 years), my support for the project is based on my experiences of living and working in this local community and witnessing how the mining industry has contributed to the prosperity and well being of the area.

My family has lived in Singleton for the best part of 29 years. We have raised our children here and now our grandchildren are growing up in the area. The Singleton community has provided my family and many others with a life style that has continued to flourish over a long period. One of the main reasons for this has been the impact of the local Coal Industry.

The UWJV Project will help to continue that life style, prosperity and well being by providing employment to many locals and support to many local businesses.

Historically mining companies have contributed heavily to the Singleton community and business sector, and I am sure that most residents and business owners in Singleton would want this support to continue.

It is through the development of projects like this one that the future of Singleton and surrounds remains prosperous.

Stephen Smith
Singleton