To whom it may concern,

My name is Ben Niznik, i am a second generation miner at Rix's Creek and have been employed with the company for three years. I have been in the mining industry for 8 years as a heavy equipment operator after starting a traineeship at Rix's Creek as part of the ''fathers and sons'' program back in 2008.

To me, from the moment i started working at Rix's creek it became immediately apparent that Rix's Creek was a very family orientated, caring and community valuing mine and still continues to be to this very day.

Working at Rix's Creek first hand every day, i am witness to the strict procedures and steps put in place to reduce the risk of impact to the environment. These steps include but are no restricted to, dust monitoring and suppression via multiple world class water carts on hall roads, in dig areas and on any other parts of the mine where dust is viable. Noise control and monitoring. If noise exceeds a certain level than we immediately stop operations. Lastly with rehab and preservation of trees, wildlife and culturally important areas around the mine.

For me personally, working at Rix's Creek means working alongside, good honest men/women and of the community of Singleton. I hope to build a house and start a family in the near future while building a long career at Rix's Creek which allows me the stability to achieve my goals.

I strongly urge you to approve the MOD10 for the reasons stated above and thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Kind regards,

Ben Niznik