**Letter of Support - Rix’s Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300**

**Attention:** NSW Government – Independent Planning Commission.

The Rix’s Creek Continuation Project should be hastily **approved**. While I understand and support a balance energy policy, coal mining will remain a critical part for the medium to long term future. Additionally, its use in the production of items such as steel is required.

The mining industry, including the Bloomfield group are large employer across the Hunter region. For me personally, my father, my husband and number of family members, neighbours and friends, work in mines or in service organisations delivering to them across NSW. They are proud of this and understand its **critical place for the local economy and community**.

The **Bloomfield group** is one of the last remaining Australia owned mines. They pay their tax’s here is Australia, **employ over 600 + people** within the local area and are generous in the over 40 + **charity and community groups that they support**. I have seen firsthand the positive impact the organisation has had with the Morpeth men shed’s, hospitals, aged care facilities, cancer support services and with their apprentice programs fostering opportunities for young people.

I hope to see the IPC approve this without further delay so that its employees can rest easy they have jobs and Bloomfield can continue being a **vital part of the community**.