I’m writing in full support for the continuation of mining Rixs Creek south.

I’ve worked in mining for 23 years in states and territory’s including Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australia and have spent the last 17 years working as a production operator and an Open Cut Examiner through various mines within the Hunter Valley.

For the past 2 years as an OCE running a production crew at Rixs Creek South. I have never felt more support and encouragement from the senior management team in putting the community and surrounding neighbours at the forethought of my decision making process regarding safety dust and noise.

My team is made up of approximately 30 locals from immediate and surrounding communities. We are all committed to reducing our impact on the environment and the sustainability of our mine.

We are proud of our history being Australian owned and operated. Our company values are to Care and Deliver which we take seriously particularly in regards to the community and environment.

Rixs Creek also enriches my family’s opportunities and allows me to spend more time in being a father and husband

Yours sincerely

Ben Smith