The Independent Planning Commission of

New South Wales.

Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street

SYDNEY NSW 2000.

5 August 2019.

**RE: Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300**

Dear Commissioners,

My Name is Bradley Donoghoe and I currently work for the Bloomfield Group and have done so for the last 9 years. My current role is Mine Manager at the Bloomfield Mine in East Maitland. I am writing to express my support to have the Rixs Creek continuation of mining granted at the earliest opportunity available.

I speak for all my 64 employees as part of the Bloomfield group in saying the approval is of upmost importance. The effect of the approval not being granted will not only have immediate effects for the Rixs Creek mine it will also have a flow on effect to the wider Bloomfield Group.

Rixs Creek as the main coal supplier for the Bloomfield Group support many other business groups within the Company. At Bloomfield mine we rely heavily on Rixs Creek coal to blend our coal for the export market. The uncertainly of the continuation is creating a great deal on unease in the workforce.

For almost 30 years Rixs Creek has been at the forefront of providing stable employment, investing in the community, training up a skilled workforce, building relationships in the neighboring community and providing royalties to the NSW government.

I myself am finding it increasingly stressful with the uncertainty of the continuation. I moved to the hunter valley 9 years ago to work for a great Australian owned mining company which I plan to be working for as long as possible. The approval will still leave Rixs as one on the smallest producers in the Hunter Valley who as a collective has an annual output of coal of around 160 million tonnes.

Bloomfield Group strives for best practice in all aspect of mining including rehabilitation, compliance and Community relationships. I am proud to say I work for the Bloomfield Group, and I strongly support the Rix’s Creek consent approval. I request that you please consider this submission as part of your assessment.

In my opinion this project will provide environmentally responsible mining for the ongoing benefit of local jobs, benefit to our local community and benefit to the State of New South Wales.

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Donoghoe