Vickery Expansion Project

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I have lived in the Horton Valley area all my life as has 4 generations of family before me. In my time I have seen small towns and large go to within the brink of extinction due to lack of employment opportunities.

Employment opportunities are the end result of a community that is moving forward. With employment comes expansion, with expansion comes employment. Vickery Mine will provide this along with bringing outside industry to our community.

Due to the ongoing crisis in the Agricultural sector our family Contracting Company that “was” a sideline to our cattle breeding Company has used Whitehaven Coal employment to retain our rural holdings and the majority of our breeding herd in the recent drought.

People do not see the physical good the mines do in our districts. Apart from their investment in to local projects there is mass Native tree plantings, Non Native and weed control in areas that vastly exceed the foot print of the mines.

I am personally excited to see this industry expand in our area. People- you have the Coal.. use it to your advantage.