

My name is Gus Mather owner of Pirtek Muswellbrook.

I was born in Muswellbrook and come from a family that has lived here for generations so I feel it is important that I have input into the towns future with the Drayton South project.

Pirtek Muswellbrook has been associated for 30 years with mining and its continued growth is important for our business survival. Drayton mine has been a part of my ~~live~~^{life} for 30 years as my father worked for Drayton until he retired and our son had an apprenticeship with Drayton until 3 weeks ago.

Our business has already seen the effects of the closure of Drayton mine with a reduction of 3 employees.

Mining has been a part of the Muswellbrook community for over 100 years and during this time has existed with horse studs, farming and wineries.

Our business relies on mining to continue the employment of our 15 employees. Mining has seen our community and Australia survive the GFC and the current mining down turn. Without strong mining business Australia would not have come through this time as strong as we have.

The most important item to come from this 5 year process is that Drayton South has now complied with everyone's wishes.

The way I see it is very simple.

The company submits what they wish to do.

Everyone has input into the process.

The company is then advised of the changes required.

The changes are made.

The company is given approval.

It has now come time for our community to be given a final outcome base on the simple system of

"As a company you are required to comply with these conditions and if you do your project will be approved".

Gus Mather
Managing Director
Pirtek Muswellbrook

DON'T GET ME WRONG I'M NOT AGAINST HORSE
RACING.

MY SON'S LONG TERM PARTNER IS A TRACK WORK RIDING
HER FATHER IS A RACE HORSE TRAINER. I'M IN RACE
HORSE OWNERSHIP, ~~BY~~ MY BUSINESS IS A GOLD
MEMBER OF MUSWELLBROOK RACE CLUB. AND I CAN TELL
YOU I LOVE RACING.

ALL OF THIS LUXURY CAN NOT CONTINUE IF
WE DON'T HAVE COAL MINING AND MOST OF ALL
DRAYTON SOUTH

YOU MAY SAY YOUR LUXURY IS NOT MY CONCERN BUT
HORSE RACING OWNERSHIP, ATTENDING RACE MEET AND
MOST OF ALL GAMBLING PAY FOR THE HORSE RACING
INDUSTRY TO SURVIVE.

I HAVE ASK FOR THESE TWO INDUSTRIES TO CO-EXIST
BUT NOW I'M BECCING PLEASE PLEASE WE NEED
BOTH INDUSTRIES IN MUSWELLBROOK.

CVS MATHER
MANAGERIAL DIRECTOR
PITREX MUSWELLBROOK