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To The PAC Commissioners

attention on
project

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today in regard to the mining proposal for the Manildra Group, Castlereagh Coal Southern Project. I have in previous years supported coal mining in general as I will continue to do. Over the last five years I have become very familiar with mining proposals at this site.

In 2012 I walked a lot of the original proposed boundaries for the original previous mine proposal, this was then reduced as I could not support the original proposal along with many residents from Cullen Bullen.

There then was a second proposal from the Coalpac company, this was less intrusive, more accepting by residents and taking great consideration for looking after the environment. This was then down scaled again, what most people considered to be a VERY acceptable proposal, however that was not to be.

The Honan family and their colleagues have most certainly done their homework, this is an excellent proposal and one I support 100 percent as does the residents of Cullen Bullen.

The Manildra Group are a world renowned respectable family company, having a diverse successful interests in many businesses here and overseas.

Brett Moore and associates from the Manildra Group met with me several times during my time as Mayor explaining the strategy and the time line they were considering for their proposal.

At all times they have been extremely mindful and respectful of the residents of Cullen Bullen keeping them in touch with regular updates and information which I know they have appreciated.

The feed back I have been receiving has been nothing but positive.

- which in itself is an excellent outcome for the village. I certainly believe people that do not pay rates in our LGA should have no say if this proposal is successful.

At present the small village is suffering with little choice regarding the everyday general requirements for living, eg, fuel, groceries, and items we take for granted. It would be wonderful for this proposal to get the green light and I strongly encourage the PAC committee to approve this proposal. I also realise from time to time decisions of the PAC committee must be very difficult, I certainly do not believe this to be the case with this proposal. This then would bring the village alive again with a General store security for the hotel and my long time dream to have a large petrol station on the Castlereagh Highway in the vicinity of Cullen Bullen as it is on the road to a thriving area, Mudgee and then onto the places like Tamworth and western NSW.

Locals are excited at the prospect of this proposal being a success, it will create much needed work positions for the area. + assist with numbers at the local school.

The proposal if approved for the Manildra Group will have significant positive and financial impacts for our Local Government Area and also assist the company as a regional employer to maintain International competitiveness in a wide range of industries, eg, food, confectionary, brewery and stock feed.

Congratulations to the Honan family and their Manildra Group for having the insight into what appears could be a very successful venture that if successful will be a wonderful outcome for the company and the residents and families of Cullen Bullen and the Lithgow Local Government Area.

Brett Moore has said something this morning I believe is a wonderful way to describe this project, they have taken everything into account, financial gains, security for businesses + assist with mental health issues

many families are facing + will re-jemote the mining area up to the standards required

Madi McLean said this morning \$12 million would not make much difference to the budget, however it would make an ENORMOUS difference to the Cullen Bullen Area.

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as for every person employed
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on work positions

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