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Hello Aaron,

My name is Alistair Donaldson and I have been allocated an opportunity to speak at the Commissions Public Hearing (Vickery ext) at Gunnedah . Unfortunately I will not be able to attend due to work commitments (farmer West of Boggabri). If I may ,I would wish to articulate some thoughts to you that I was going to include in my presentation.

I am against this project for a number of reasons , but I thought that I would concentrate on local employment effects caused by this extension.

Over the last ten years I have spoken to many Whitehaven employees and affected local business' and have made the following observations....,

Much of the justification for this project to proceed is the promise that 450 production jobs will be created.

Of the original 450 employees that started work in 2015 at Whitehaven's Maules Creek mine, only 5 remain . Only two weeks ago most of engineering staff resigned . Staff morale at this mine seems to be very low , and it is widely known that this mine cannot attract enough suitable employees . This is systematic of a major failure of management , and the question has to be asked , will things be any different at a potential Vickery project ? Will neighboring stakeholders of this proposal have to deal with the same managerial belligerence experienced at Maules Creek.

The sad reality is that a large percentage of the new local employment requirements for this proposal will be met by pilfering skilled employees from existing local businesses . Whitehaven are notorious in the way that they ransack the local workforce and openly state that "the recruitment drive to SNATCH these workers is in full swing" (Page 5 Namoi Valley Energy magazine , issue 8).

In a discussion yesterday with a local contractor who worked on a number of Whitehaven sites ,he described how he lost most of his plant operators (12) , headhunted whilst they were on site. He has all but shut down his business and now stays away from mine sites.

The cost of doing business in our local Gunnedah/Narrabri district has dramatically increased, as local businesses struggle to retain staff ,after spending considerable time and money on their education/ acquiring skills. Non mining related industries such as agriculture , and local government are heavily affected as they have no opportunity to pass these costs onto the mining companies .

A socio economic cleansing of local communities is evident as pensioners and lower income workers are forced to leave because of high rents and costs. Gunnedah cannot attract Police personnel for this reason.

Thank you

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for registering to speak at the Commission's Public Hearing on Tuesday, 18th December 2018 at 9:00am.

The schedule for the hearing is now publicly available on the Commission's website. A copy of the schedule is also attached for your information.

In regards to your speaking time you have been allocated the time you requested.

To assist the Commission, please provide a copy of your speech notes to our planning officer on the day.

For anyone using a power point presentation, please ensure you arrive beforehand or during a break to upload your documents.

Members of the public who register to speak at the public hearing are to ensure that any statements and presentations made during the meeting are factually correct and otherwise contains expressions of opinion which you honestly hold. You will refrain from making offensive, threatening or defamatory statements, and acknowledge that you understand that your presentation will be recorded and that recording will be published on the Panel's website.

This recording will be made publicly available in accordance with Schedule 2 (25) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Any views expressed by persons who presented to the Panel at this hearing, are not the views of the Panel or any of its employees."

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on (02) 9383 2100.

Kind Regards

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