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To Whom It May Concern,

I am Dominic Meaney , director o [REDACTED] , and the mine will affect me. The company owns property at [REDACTED]. It is only because of the health of the local economy that the company wishes to develop this land. The extra jobs from the mine would be fantastic. Without mining the town would be much smaller. If it had not been for mining amenities such as the new hospital development, new swimming pool and other such facilities would not exist.

Repeatedly I hear unfounded claims about new mining harming the aquafier but at no stage do these people prove that the old mines have harmed these same resources even though they are located in the same region.

Farmers say they are harmed from the mines yet at no time do they mention the benefits they receive such as a better rail service. (would there even be one if it was not for mining.) Better roads because of the extra traffic and the fact there is a prospering community of schools, restaurants and shops in Gunnedah which makes farms near these facilities so much more valuable (just see how badly farm land value drops when its over 100km from a sizable town. People want to live somewhere with schools, shops, hospitals, pools , sporting clubs all of which would struggle without the local mining.)

Environmentalists say coal should stop being used ignoring the fact coal is much cheaper than other sources. Subsidies prop up solar otherwise why would the government give thousands of dollars for each home to have solar panels. This cost of power would be prohibitive if the users paid for it.

Gas is estimated to be about 6 x the cost of coal if it filled the same role as peak power is a short time on a few days but to cut power is damaging.(Usually hottest days just after people arrive home from work as they cool there houses on roughly 20 days per year but why the coal stations have about 10% extra capacity and why it failed so miserably in Adelaide when trying to rely solely on current renewables.) Coal being so much cheaper per extra unit of power is the only source that can provide this.

The coal produced is suitable for replacing inferior product from chinese and other mines so will decrease pollution. Using the high energy coal in the newest technology power stations are estimated to cut green house gasses by 30 percent. This is very admirable and should not be discourage especially as much of this product will go overseas so cheap power essential. To suggest people in less developed countries us solar or gas has lead to them not having power at all . This increases death rates especially among the poorest and most vulnerable and although this decreases green house emissions is reprehensible.

In summary the development of the mine will benefit the town of Gunnedah including

farmers with extra services and jobs. The environment will benefit by a lower polluting product and use of it in 3rd generation clean coal power plants. Even people in far off places like Sydney benefit from the increase state and federal taxes available for other purposes. It is time to be sensible and support this mine.

Yours faithfully

Dominic Meaney

Director

