

- Good morning, my name is John Swab and I'm the Managing Director of PJ Welding Pty Ltd. I am here today to speak on behalf of our entire workforce at PJ Welding and we are giving FULL Support the Rixs Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300.
- We are a small Australian owned business located in the Hunter Region, and have 26 employees ranging from Boilermakers to Painters to Fitters. We have worked with the Bloomfield Group and on the Rixs Creek Mine for over 40 years and found the Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Employees to all show the upmost respect towards us and we really feel like we are part of the Family. All of our workers contribute heavily to the upkeep and maintenance of the Rix's Creek mine, and if this approval isn't consented, like many others we would all be out looking for new employment and or on social benefits.
- On a personal level, I started working as an Apprentice Boilermaker for PJ Welding over 20 years ago and slowly worked my way up to where I am today, this would definitely not have been possible without the ongoing support of The Bloomfield Group and in particularly Rix's Creek Mine which has helped me through every stage of my employment.
- Rixs Creek Mine have always been at the fore front of Research and development in NSW, they have always upheld their environmental requirements and there safety procedures are always completed to the highest standard.
- The Mine also provide a many contributions and donations to the local community such as Steam Fest, The Westpac Rescue

Helicopter and the Cancer Council all of which would be lost if the Mining Continuation is not approved.

- By not approving this application there would be detrimental effects to not only PJ Welding but also Rixs Creek Mine and the wider community.
- If the approval is granted it will provide a safe working environment, it would provide permanent local jobs and would be a massive benefit to the local community and the Hunter Region.
- For this reason we fully support The Rixs Creek Mine and urge you to approve the mining lease extension, so we can continue to prosper for years to come.

Thankyou John Swab