

Rixs Creek South Continuation of Mining Project SSD6300

Speaker Notes: Joshua Dagg (Public Meeting 29/07/19)

- My background and relationship with the company:
 - 2007-present: Plant Operator who works directly in the Rixs Creek South operation.
 - Family work for the company.
- My role as Rixs Creek lodge secretary:
 - I have a direct relationship with the 249 members who are employed with Bloomfield as operators, fitters and electricians.
 - 181 of these members live in close proximity of the mine in the Singleton, Muswellbrook, Cessnock and Maitland shires.
 - I have a unique perspective of the socioeconomic impact the uncertainty of this project has had on these members.
- Bloomfield Group Foundation and Rixs Creek Lodge charity work:
 - Contribution to charities, schools, sporting teams, festivals, country shows.
 - Rixs Creek Lodge will often donate to the same causes. Recent examples include, ourcare services, buyabale.com and the Atkins family. These are for local causes, which is a good reflection on the company, when the local community is hurting or in need we will always be there.
 - I received an email from Danny Eather from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter to acknowledge Bloomfield Group employees had contributed \$23,953 in 2018/19. The Rixs Creek Lodge will also be the gold sponsor for the Rixs Creek Rattlesnakes rugby league side that will compete in the charity day in October.
- Department of Planning and Environment Recommendations:
 - "The department considers that the benefits of the project outweigh its residual costs and considers the project is in the public interest and is approvable, subject to strict conditions of consent."

- “The department is confident its preliminary and final assessment reports provide a robust assessment of the merits of the project.”
 - Id like to note that, “the department consulted with key government agencies during this process and also consulted with Bloomfield.”
- Conditions of Consent: Part B – Specific Environmental Conditions:
 - My role as a plant operator at the Rixs Creek South operation and why I am best placed to highlight how we walk the walk too.
 - Air Quality: Identifying the hazard and how we control the hazard
Digger Faces, haul roads, drill patterns, monitoring wind speeds.
 - Noise: Trigger Action Response Plan to manage complaints and high noise levels during monitoring.

Noise monitoring personnel review predictive 3D noise model and meteorological conditions for any potential for Rixs Creek to exceed compliance limits.

When noise levels exceed compliance levels we amend operations in conjunction with the feedback we receive.

Hearing protection for operating heavy machinery
 - Social Impacts: Mental Health Awareness and the Mindset Program: Recently every Bloomfield employee was offered the opportunity of a 30 minute session with a Psychologist

Having witnessed a lot of my co-workers deal with the stress and uncertainty of not only their job security but other personal issues and having experienced the dangers of stress and anxiety myself I found this initiative very beneficial.