

I am a local builder, landowner and member of an extended family that has been in Blayney for 47 years.

I have been a spokesperson for the broader community on the Community Consultative Committee for the last three years. The people I know are keen to know how the mine is progressing and 99% of the people I know are in favour.

I am here today because I think it is important that the Commissioners understand that there's another side.

I worked on the construction of Junction Reefs and Browns Creek mines about thirty years ago and have seen the industry become more and more important in the area. The regeneration of the Climax mine was done well although it took a few years.

Mining has been a great financial boost to the economy, especially in Blayney. I believe McPhillamys will provide young people the opportunity to learn a trade.

I own land on the Belubula River, about 2km from the mine lease boundary. I'm not worried about the mine.

In the past I was concerned about cyanide from the tailings dam ending up in the river. I understand that the cyanide will be neutralised before it leaves the processing facility.

So if the contents of the tailings dam will be safe for animals and birds, then I'm not worried about it.

I trust the tailings dam design and I don't think dust will be a major concern. They've applied common sense to the design and the schedule to minimise dust from the site.

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