

Curlewis Progress Association Inc

Village Community Group

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Re-Shenhua Watermark Project

My name is Tony Rankmore and I'm the president of the Curlewis Progress Association. Firstly I would like to inform you of my past occupations. I was employed in the rural industry for eighteen years, self-employed in two different local businesses for fourteen years and am currently employed as a train driver with Pacific National (four years). Being involved with these different industries has given me an insight into both sides of the argument of whether to allow mining or not.

The comments below are not only my personal views but are also the views of the majority of the progress association members.

Our village is situated approximately 10klms from the Watermark Project with a population of 600 residents.

The Curlewis Village has had a long association with rural industries and the mining industry when nearby Preston underground mine was operating. It is a good example of how both these industries can co-exist.

The development of the nearby coal mine can only be considered as a positive for the future of our village. It will give local people the opportunity for employment during the construction stage and/or employment in the mining industry.

The village has the potential to accommodate an increase of its population with many vacant level building blocks and areas that could be sub-divided as the need increases.

The local business houses could also benefit from an increase in passing trade and population growth. The local primary school will also benefit from an increase of residents.

The construction of the Shenhua Watermark mine project will provide many jobs for this rural area and will contribute to the local economy and infrastructure. This is why we support the establishment of the mine because of these benefits for our small village and other nearby communities.

Regards

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