

Mr Good Morning / Afternoon.

My Name is Brett Monaghan, i would like to thank the planning & Assessment Committee for the opportunity to speak here today in favour of the Springvale Mine extension.

37 years old

I am Born and Raised in Lithgow & come from a long line of coal miners, including my Great Grand father, Grand father, father & now myself which is something i am extremely proud of ^{and} which doesn't happen in many industries those days and this is something i would like to see ~~that~~ continue in the district for many more years to come.

Over previous years I have personally experienced the down turn in the mining industry and had to chase work outside the district to stay in the industry i love. This why ifelt i needed to speak today in favour of this modification as it will create jobs in the local government area and allow some of my former workmates to return home to gainful employment and their families.

This can only be achieved if the other 2 criteria within the modification are realised Those criteria are an increase in productivity from 4.5 million/t - 5.5 million/tonne. and an

~~so we can keep helping others less fortunate.~~ **THANK YOU**

increase in stockpile capabilities.

These criteria are critical to the financial viability of Springvale's continued operation.

Without this modification my future employment at Springvale could be in doubt.

I would like to thank the Planning & Assessment Committee for their time today and look forward to a favourable decision so i can continue to live in the town i love & work in the industry i love.

THANK YOU