

Good morning ladies and gentleman of the planning and assessment committee.

My name is Curtis Jones, I have lived in this town all my life. I have a family of two girls who are 11 and 9 who attend Lithgow Primary School. I also have a wife who works in Lithgow, and I have worked at Springvale for 21 years.

Here we are again wanting to provide more jobs in this town, but the green movement want to stop it!

We currently have 310 total workforce employees and want to have the capacity to increase this to four hundred and fifty. This town needs more jobs!

Due to the increase in the need for power, the company want to increase the tones from 4.5 million tons to 5.5 million tons of coal per year.

Increasing the tones of coal of the Springvale coalmine will have a flow on effect, creating more jobs outside the mining sector for example IEM and the Power Station. Also contracting and local business.

Increasing the run of mine (ROM) coal stockpile on pit top from 85,000 tons to 200,000 tons with little to no extended surface footprint, will not affect any natural bush land or environmental activity. It is going on the existing clear land.

We are not changing any of the techniques to our current mine plan approved previously; a process which saw our total work force stood down for 8 weeks!!!

I am an active member of Springvale CFMEU and the local lodge president and I know as well as anyone that the creation of jobs and opportunities in this district is imperative. So please approve this NSW consent ASAP, for our town and so we can help keep the lights on in NSW.

I would like to thankyou for your time today.

CURTIS JONES
