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Presentation by Jeffery R Young, managing director of JR Conveyors and JR Engineering in Support of Springvale Mine Extension MOD 1-D459/17.

I would like to thank the commissioners for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Jeff Young, born and bred in Lithgow. I am the owner of JR Engineering and JR Conveyors, contracting companies which have been operating in Lithgow for the past 12 years. I am a 4th generation miner and my children, nephews and nieces are 5th generation workers in this town.

The Lithgow district is familiar to industry and is very reliant on it. We have a good history of coal mining which, although the number of mines has decreased, the importance of coal production remains the same. The coal industry creates work opportunities not only at the mine site but also in related service industries. Mt Piper Power Station is dependent on coal to produce electricity.

The increase in employment at Springvale will give more people opportunities in securing themselves a brighter future and lifestyle. Extra coal ensures ability of max power output at Mt Piper power station which once again secures peoples employment.

For every coal miner employed there is approximately five outside services persons employed. This effect rolls out through the community with more employment and the community being settled and assured of their future.

Sport is one main factor of well-being and healthiness within the community. Families with uncertainty of employment will defer from taking their children to sporting competitions which then will add to obesity and illness in our community. We need to support this application by Springvale Colliery as an important contributor to "keeping the dream alive".



Lithgow has and can provide us with a good and safe district to live and raise our children. We need to keep our employment here and promote industry.

Centennial Coal, Springvale and Mt Piper are major supporters of the Lithgow district community and their future support for this area is important and appreciated as it adds to our quality of life.

Lithgow is part of the back bone for the Australian economy which creates employment for all our futures. The continued supply of coal to Mount Piper power station which is NSW base provider of 15% of the state's power. Springvale's increase production will assist Mt Piper to produce at its maximum which will give us a guaranteed supply of electricity for our comfortable living including the success of manufacturing businesses, for better employment prospects.

JR currently employs approximately 65 local people directly, plus sub-contractors. That is 65 plus families fed, housed, educated, clothed and play sport in this area. Over the past 12 years we have employed and trained around 300 people. Working with Centennial has allowed us to employ people we can train to work safely and productively, and are able to pass the benefits through to the community.

Our company has sponsored many sporting teams, events, and persons in need, fund raisers, aged care facilities, and many others.

Lithgow area has produced Australian and World sporting champions in many fields, which have had local business and council support.

Where would we be without support of all the businesses in Lithgow?

Without having a company like Centennial Coal, Lithgow would not receive the support the district is getting.

Lithgow is a proud town and all whom live here, love and look after it.



As a local contractor, I look forward to continue working with a responsible company like Centennial Coal to build a future for all our children and their children in the same manner as my previous generations have done for me.

In 1998 I was retracted and had to leave town for work. My wife and 2 young daughters stayed while I worked away. This is not a good family life. I restarted. To the many people who have put in submissions against this expansion, can I ask, in 2012,

how many times have you, or are you going to visit this town, are you dining tonight, staying overnight, having coffee or a beer here today, planning a holiday here, tomorrow, next week or whenever. What do you know about us locally? What are the names of the local lookouts, what are our local radio stations, what tertiary education is available?

If you like I can talk to old timber cutters in the newmans area, they will tell you many of these mentioned snippets were dry long time before mining.
If you can't answer these questions, why should you have a say in what industry *by Springvale* and life style we have here.

I don't try to influence your town, other than helping to keep your lights, heaters, air conditioners and computers on!

Why do people that don't live in of our local area have the right to judge our future when they don't support this district?

Don't dim or turn our lights out!!

For a bright future, please support Springvale proposal.

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