

Good morning /afternoon ladies gentlemen of the planning and assessment commission.

I have some photos on the screen that I will explain a bit later in my speech.

My name is Curtis Jones this is the fourth time I have be involved in a pac meeting for Springvale. As other people speaking today have and will say why again are we here. What the PAC and all the people in this room will be hearing today from the green movement is that they are not against coal mining, however to myself and most of the people in our town, and this room, they are. They just want to bleed the company dry of resources, or for them to simply give up.

I have been the CFMEU local lodge president at Springvale for 5 years now. Back in August 2015 we had to go through an 8 week stand down which was enormous strain on the whole work force/ family's and businesses in the town the uncertainty of where we get our next pay cheque or how they pay mortgages and support our families. We know that Springvale is the sole supplier of coal to Mt Piper power station which supplies 15 percent of the state's power. Where would we find a solution to that in the near future? Maybe the colong foundation could answer that one.

We are here about an extension to an approval we already have, and the PAC and greens accepted back in 2015, but being such a big project back then starting around 50 million dollars and now at 100 million dollars and the goal posts being moved a number of times by Government processes that have

put the project back. Centennial coal and energy Australia have agreed to do but is taking more time to do will treat the water coming out of the mine to drinking water quality.

I myself being a mad keen fisherman and if you talk to my wife and mates it could be called an obsession. Myself, my family and mates regularly fish Lake Wallace /Lake Lyell and arguably one of the best trophy trout Dams in Australia Thompson's Creek Dam which all have had water supplied from Springvale for more than 10 years. So back to the slides here is some of the fish myself, mates and kids have been catching in the last couple of year's in these dams. As you can see these fish don't have two heads or abnormal growths; they are fat and healthy. And these are actual fish from these dams not like some photos shown in the past PAC meetings by people opposed to the approvals. I know that the bass in lake Lyell have grown approximately 5cm a year from when they were stocked in the dam. The same water is pumped from lake Lyell to Thompson Creek all having healthy stocks. In the photos there are some fish caught just last week.

I would not be standing here in favour of the water treatment plant knowing it could or would damage these pristine waterways.

This is our town, our community which we live work and play in, and don't want someone from the other places putting submissions against the extension assuming they know anything about our town and our people. These people don't even live here and

they are trying to tell us how we should be living and treating our pristine environment.

I truly hope the pac approves this extension. Which could potentially even drought this community into the future.

I would like to thank the commissioners for their time here today.