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Public Meeting – Springvale Water Treatment Project

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Introduction

Firstly I would like to thank the commissioners for their attendance today and an opportunity to present my views ~~today~~ for consideration.

- Dan Smith, I am today here to put my individual perspective on what this project means to me.
- 15yrs in the Lithgow district
- 13yrs in Power Generation,
- 9 Years proudly working for Delta Electricity and Energy Australia.
- CFMEU Union delegate
- Both Wages in my house are directly affected by Coal Mining and Electricity Generation
- I strongly support the project and urge the PAC to approve the project proposed and associated modifications.

Environmental Outcomes

- This project provides great environmental outcomes. *water*
- It will remove the ~~need to~~ current need to discharge mine *water* into the drinking water catchment areas
- Will reduce the need for Mount Piper to remove water from the fish river
- Which will help drought proof the power supply for NSW and the place I work

Industry and Community outcomes

- The Approval of the Proposed Project and associated modifications will have the following positive effects on the Lithgow region:
 - Secure hundreds of jobs associated with Power Generation and Mining
 - Create new permanent jobs for the district
 - Ensure that what transient workforce that currently provides support to the hotels and motel remains
 - Provide overall economic insurance for this district.

Summary

- I believe the socioeconomics outcomes coupled with the environmental outcomes create a positive outcome for the district as a whole
- To not approve this project and associated modifications would have detrimental outcomes for me personally and the district as whole.
- For all of these reasons and I believe this project and associated modifications needs to be approved.
- It's time to make Lithgow a strong region once more and this will be a great step in that direction.

Thank you all for your time today and once again the commissioners for their attendance.

Dan Smith
CFMEU Union Delegate
Power Industry employee

Declining Industry

- Lithgow has a rich History with Power Generation, Coal Mining. It also has a rich history with industry as a whole, a once mighty Industrious town is being brought to its knees with the closure of ~~Business industry~~ and the lack of support to approve new developments
- Since I have been associated with the Lithgow district I have seen the following ~~outcomes~~ *occur*:
 - ~~Industry decrease~~
 - Wallerawang Power Station Close
 - Lithgow locomotive workshop close
 - Multiple Mines close
 - Angus Place
 - Baal Bone
 - Invincible
- This had led to less jobs in the community
- People travelling or relocating from the place they call home for work
- Affects local economics from the butchers, Bakery's, with the reduced numbers living in town, right through to the motel and accommodation due to the decline in travelling workforces coming to the district for maintenance activities.