

Ladies and Gentlemen of the PAC Committee,

My name is Jon Pringle, I am a father of three, resident of over 40 years, mining supervisor at Springvale and tax payer since leaving school. As such I am dismayed and angered that we are here at PAC #4, defending and justifying our jobs against charitable organisations that seek random internet dwellers to sign their web forms and protest against any and all developments leading to a clogged system of approvals the likes of which we have again today. These groups do not know those people, do not know the areas they are protesting about, yet swindle a system and I believe hold towns and tax payers to ransom. They stand out front proclaiming to want to work with the concerned parties, put forward suggestions and when approvals are granted based around these ideas, they then protest about those solutions and we go around again. Now I could stand here and detail impacts discussed at previous meetings to justify the continuation of Springvale, but the people living in this town at this meeting KNOW the impacts these processes have, the uncertainty that surrounds awaiting a decision, the financial costs but more importantly the human cost that the town has suffered, much of which will be discussed in detail here today. These same factors have been assessed three times before and on all occasions given the green light by an independent committee. Today we will here many arguments against this modification, most of which will say the same things again as what we have heard before, the difference is now this company IS working their way through the solution which is time consuming and arduous. It is with this in mind I urge the Committee to approve these modifications and secure the future of the local community. Thank you.

Jon Pringle