



In Support of the Warkworth & Mount Thorley Continuation Project

Supporting the Industry that has
supported the community



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- Singleton Business Chamber believe in supporting the Warkworth & Mount Thorley Project WHY? - there will be an extensive economic benefit to Singleton and all surrounding Regions by..
- Maintaining a current level of employment on site, continue injecting revenue into the local business environment, potential to increase direct jobs and supporting contracting companies' with employment and business opportunity
- Potential for increased direct spend by Warkworth & Mount Thorley in the local area creates..
 - Flow on effects created by these specific projects that offer benefits by increasing economic activity within the regions



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- While we are blessed to have a diversity of industries within our region it has been the mining industry that has offered the majority of economic sustainability during this time however over the last 24 months of “Coal” global impacts on our region which has directly impacted our businesses and communities alike
- Unfortunately the other industries through not fault of there own have not been able to fill the gap to the level of what we are accustomed to and thus the impact continues.....
- Again this will support our local economy such as retail, service industries, etc.



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- Install some confidence to the region and support business until the global market returns to a level of continued sustainability
- Currently my understanding is that mining brings approx 1.2 billion to the region and my best guesstimate would be that Warkworth & Mount Thorley a contributor to this value
- From my research up to 230 local suppliers currently are being supported by Warkworth & Mount Thorley to an approx value of \$180 million; \$330 million with more than 600 NSW suppliers and up to \$80,00.00 to local partnership community groups
- By not supporting this project and future mining projects gives potential to have major impacts and declines on all local economies



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- Local economies; lets look a some scenario's
- The vast majority of local businesses are in favour of the mining industry, this is due to the industry currently underpinning their employment, business and families
- If we don't have MTW supporting the community, what stress will be placed on us, our families, our community?
- Our region has suffered enough from global impacts, its time to stand up and get behind the likes of the MTW's so as to secure all our futures



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Key Points

- Continuation of the current operations to sustain not only the mine BUT regional employment
- Significant ongoing investment into the region giving sustainability and confidence to local business to invest in their futures
- This project has given an opportunity to MTW an the due processes has shown a very encouraging level of working with the community via its communications and consultation
- MTW has a reputation of leading practice with environmental management within the region.
- The mining industry adds significant benefits to the local economy, local business and communities



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Key Points

- We talk about the global impacts putting stress on the AUS economy, lets get specific with reference to our local economy.
- Declaration - While I am the President of the Singleton Business Chamber I am also employed with the HVL Group here in Singleton, which gives me some frontline information on the impacts surrounding this project; HVL is a vender of MTW and has been for a number of years
- If this project is not approved, HVL will be looking at restructuring the business so as to be able to continue operating, this will mean loss of jobs including my own
- HVL is only **one** of many SME businesses within the region therefore if we need to make changes to our business I am guessing the majority of other SME's will be doing the same
- Business stress, community stress – our region is geared to work in this industry and without these projects our community suffers



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- Although we are not in a position to comment on the detail of environmental considerations, there has been significant progress in the area within the Hunter Valley from the Mining Industry
- Warkworth & Mount Thorley has a reputation of leading practice with environmental management within the region of which I am sure will continue



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FACTS

- Mining Companies brief is to invest in such regions as the Hunter Valley where they can obtain a return on investment of which some of us are potential investors directly or indirectly
- NSW Governments brief is granting initial approvals inline with the said guidelines
- NSW Governments brief is of compliance to these approvals via evaluation, mining regulations, mining act etc.
- Communities have a role in supporting the Mining Industry that support "US" as a region
- A strong future for MTW will also mean a strong future for everyone within the region either directly or indirectly
- Not sure about everyone else however - When I get home at night I like to be able to flick the switch and the light comes on

Supporting the Industry – Supporting this Project
Will support the
Local Economy and Community

Thanking you for your time - Ryan Fitzpatrick