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Subject: Springvale Mine Extension Project (ssd 5594)
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To whom it may concern,
I respectfully submit the following submission to support the Springvale mine extension project submitted by centennial coal.
Lithgow is my home town and its sad to see what is happening to the coal mining industry.
We all still need coal for electricity , there is still no way at this point in time for solar to run everything.
Lithgow needs this mine to stay open and keep cutting coal. If this mine closes it will be devastating to Lithgow and its people.
If Sprinvale closes it will affect families in so many ways. Not sure if you people reading this letter have ever nearly lost your home and everything you've worked hard to own.
Well my family nearly did, and its been extremely stressful, and still is . My husband lost his job at Angus Place nearly 2 years ago , and its taken a huge toll on our family and still is as he now has to travel away from us to work through the week. We have 3 sons one now works in Orange at travels 1 hour 40 mins to work and then the same home. My other son finished his apprenticeship at Delta (the PowerStation) and Is looking for work and will prop have to travel as well. We have one still at high school and I worry what the future holds for him.
This will happen to families if Springvale closes- marriage breakdowns, depression, bankruptcy, children going off the rails turning to drugs, and worst of all suicide. The effects will be DEVESTATING !!
Its all well and good to protect the environment and yes we should, but these industries can be run in a way that the environment stays virtually the same. These mines have been going in our town for a very long time and I cant name a place where I've seen all this damage that people say is happening . Lithgow is all undermined and houses built on the top no one has been killed from a house collapsing on them because mining. The drinking water that is contaminated where are all these sick people ?
If you want to close this mine I suggest you visit Lithgow and see for yourself what has gone on for decades and go try to find all this damage to the environment that people say is happening.
Also a lot of people are in opposition to this that don't even live here or ever visited what do they know ?
The affects this will have people are life lasting and you must try and understand this.
Your playing god with a whole towns future in this decision.
Please make this extension happen.
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