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Springvale Mine Extension Project (SSD 5594)

I am submitting the following submission to support the Springvale Mine Extension Project submitted by Centennial coal.
I am part of the Lithgow community as are my children , wife and family.
Lithgow has always been a Coal Mining Town which has provided employment and also a source of fuel for base load Power Generation. Export of Coal has always had positive effect on the Australian Economy balance of trade.

Of late the Lithgow economy has been severely affected by job losses at Baal Bone & Angus Place Colliery and also within the Electricity Generation industry. I myself was one of those who worked at Angus place and was lucky enough to get a job now with springvale.
Job losses like these has had negative effects on Lithgow's economy and surrounding areas. Business confidence is affected with staff cut backs in many small businesses, a reduction in class numbers in schools due to people having to leave the area to look for employment.

The Coal Mining Industry & Union Members have always been very generous with its donations to charitable organisations, schools, sporting bodies, athletes & families in severe financial situations. Lithgow Mercury, May 12th edition, page 3 headed "Last hurrah for mine support" detailed the end of an era of support to local charities by the Angus Place Colliery Assistance Fund due to the mines closure.
If Springvale does not receive this approval it too will be an end of an era.
Springvale Coal currently employees approximately 300 direct workers and numerous local businesses carrying out associated services. Lithgow does not have any other non-coal related major employers. Without this approval employees & contractors currently working at Springvale Coal would be forced to take their families and try to seek new employment out of the district. This would mean for my family leaving the town we have grow up and supported. Taking children out of schools and daycare and leaving our ageing family's to look for work elsewhere.

Centennial Coal have a very good reputation in the western coalfields as a responsible and proactive operator in the important coal mining industry. Springvale Coal Mine is an important employer locally. It's continued operation and expansion is vital to job security to its workforce. It is also important as a reliable cost effective supplier of Coal to Mount Piper (Also employing local employees).

The 300 direct workers at Springvale Coal Mine and the numerous local businesses providing services to Springvale have a flow on multiplier effect on the Lithgow Economy. Over recent times the Lithgow economy has suffered significantly because of job losses. Our youth no longer have opportunities for apprenticeships or traineeships because of lack work and businesses in the area not being able to afford to employ them without support from our mining community. Not approving this extension at Springvale Coal Mine will not only be absolutely devastating to the employees with more job losses but will have an extremely large adverse effect on

the Lithgow Economy and Community. There would be younger family's such as my own with nowhere to work and no means to support our children.
Those who are not supporting the extension all seem to be from outside of the Lithgow area. So they would have no idea what effect this would have on my community. They would still have employment and family support to go home to everyday. It seems very inappropriate that they can have a say in something they would know very little about.

Yours faithfully

Gavin Monaghan.
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May 13th 2015

Sent from my iPhone