From: [redacted].
To: pac pac
Subject: Supporting Airly Colliery extention
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the proposed mine extention for Airly Colliery Capertee. It is another mine in our district that provides solid employment.

To add a personal part to this story I would like to elaborate on how coal mining is important to me and my family. Firstly I work for [redacted], as an [redacted]. I have personally been affected by the closure of Baal bone and Angus Place colliery, as my shifts have been cut from 3-4 shifts per week to barely 3 a month. Also due to the recent stand down of the [redacted] employees we have been very short on work.
I have had to seek employment elsewhere to earn the money I have lost from my shift losses working at Coal Services. I am extremely saddened by this, as the [redacted] I provide to our coal miners is the most enjoyable and rewardable [redacted] I have done in my career.

Another personal loss I am feeling is my [redacted] who have lived in [redacted] all their lives, are now moving because my [redacted] was an employee of [redacted], who is now owned by [redacted]. They have shut down [redacted] and all of those men have had to gain employment elsewhere out of [redacted].

Our town cannot afford to lose Airly colliery, we have no other industry to employ the numbers of people who will be affected, but not only that it is all the other supporting business to the mine, the local small business, schools and the entire town that will be devastated.

Please find it in your hearts to approve this extension. These Coal Miners work physically hard, in the dark, in dusty and wet conditions, breaking their bodies, losing their hearing and compromising their lungs to provide us with a life for our families, our community and providing coal so that we have the luxury of electricity and heat. Things that people take granted.

Kind regards and in good faith
Angela Smith

21/09/2015
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