To Whom It may Concern

I would like to voice my support for Airly Mine Extension plan, I strongly support the project going ahead for a number of reasons.

Although I am not an employee of Airly , I am however an employee of a small business in the local district.If the expansion were to not go ahead we, along with several other business' in the local area will be severely impacted.

The considerable workforce of Airly will not be the jobs in jeopardy if this expansion is rejected. The local newsagent will be impacted when those employees that used to call in on the way to work to pick up a paper no longer are on their way to work same goes for the local take away shop and bakery.

All these business' that have employees, that rely on their jobs to support their families.

The local pharmacy will suffer without the repeat business of employees of Airly mine that drop off prescriptions on their way to work and pick them up on their way home. This is particularly concerning as Wallerawang has a significant aging population that rely heavily on this same local pharmacy, If the Pharmacy no longer has enough business to continue to operate in Wallerawang these elderly will suffer as a result.

I too, as a local [redacted] will feel the effects, as servicing the [redacted] becomes lower and lower on the priority list. When work is carried out on [redacted], we then have to chase customers for payment.

I Fear for these local business owners and the future of Wallerawang, without these local business owners who will sponsor our local football club? At present some of the major sponsors are those small business houses within Wallerawang. What will happen to Wallerawang a small town that has already sustained a massive hit buy losing both the Power station & Angus Place colliery.

I fear for my children's future in the district, what industry will be left by the time my [redacted] year old is 17 years old and perhaps applying for an apprenticeship. What will be left locally that will be available to him?

I want to know what gives outsiders to our district the right to come in & oppose something that does not affect them? They don't support local business, they do not live in the area, Why does someone from Kiama or Wollongong, Who will go back home again after they have had their say even get a say in what happens in our local district?

I hope you will take all these point into consideration when making a decision that, effects not only Airly but the entire community.

Kind Regards

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