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Springvale Mine Extension Project (SSD 5594)

I respectfully submit the following submission to support the Springvale Mine Extension Project submitted by Centennial coal.

It is vital to the Lithgow community that this approval goes ahead. The Springvale mine currently employees over 300 direct workers AND BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN THIS APPROVAL BEING GRANTED Over **200** workers at Springvale have been stood down. The current stand-down has placed more pressure on the families of Springvale and without the approvals the flow on affect will render Lithgow a 'ghost' town.

Additionally, Springvale directly supplies coal to Mount Piper power station which in turn supplies 15% of NSW total energy needs. Mount Piper is one of the newest and most efficient power stations in NSW. The coal supply is currently at alarm status at Mount Piper with an estimated window of 8-10 weeks until generation is likely to cease placing more jobs at risk in the community. This will directly impact my family as my Husband is an employee of Energy Australia. Without work, we cannot pay our mortgage and we will be forced to relocate away from our friends and family or at the very least my Husband will be required to move away from his Children. Not only will this put a massive strain on him and our family but this will effectively remove money from the town.

The impact of this closure will impact the whole community and not just the employees of Springvale and Mt Piper. This will impact the small business owners of the town. Isn't the government trying to encourage new business? This will mean Trades people, Florist, Beauticians, Local take away shops and retailers will suffer. The bigger chains like Coles and Woolworth will continue to be supported but the small business will be closed. Ultimately the town will become a ghost town.
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Numerous contract work is carried out directly on site and Small business have been established to support the Mine sites around the Lithgow area and without the Mines these jobs will also be lost. Springvale has a strong history of creating wonderful opportunities for the youth of Lithgow to develop skills in trade roles

The mining community within our region have been extremely generous over the last 20 years donating more than $1,000,000. Without the approvals Lithgow will no longer receive these benefits.

Thank you again Commissioners for taking the time to look into my concerns and I hope that for the community of Lithgow a speedy resolution is seen.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Farnsworth