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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.

Please take into consideration the following issues I have when making a final determination on the Springvale Extension:

• Springvale currently employees over 300 direct workers *including my brother in law and many, many friends.*
• Numerous contract work is carried out directly on site
• Small business have been established to support the Mine sites around the Lithgow area and without the Mines these jobs will also be lost
• 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.
• Springvale has a strong history of creating wonderful opportunities for the youth of Lithgow to develop skills in trade roles
• Over 200 workers at Springvale have been stood down due to the approvals being delayed.
• 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.
• 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.

Other small businesses in our town will possibly not survive so many in our town losing their income. This includes the ladies boutique where I work. The owner is already working out her plans for relocating out of the area if this Springvale extension does not go ahead.

The environment and mining can coexist together. Lithgow is a mining town and Lithgow is STILL naturally beautiful.

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

Mr Steve Jennings

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