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The Singleton Business Chamber represents the interest of business on a local level.

Through Chamber's vast network, each chamber member has a community voice.

The Chamber represents around 170 member businesses.

As a team we are able to identify the concerns for business in our community, plan actions and together everyone is rewarded.

The Chamber welcomes the opportunity to provide a brief submission to the Rixs Creek Mine – Continuation of Mining Project.

The Chamber strongly supports Bloomfield Group's application for the continuation of mining at Rixs Creek Mine and acknowledges the Environmental Assessment Report addresses a large number of key considerations.

The Chamber understands that the Rix Creek Coal Mine sits five kilometres to the West of Singleton and has been in continued operation since 1990.

The Chamber acknowledges the established relationships between the existing mine and the community of Singleton and the surrounding areas. We further acknowledge Bloomfield's commitment to support the community through the provision of funding to local community, environment and education groups. The current mine has long contributed to the ongoing economic health of the community and can continue to do so into the future. Extension for mining at Rix Creek will ensure future viability and sustainability of operations enabling continued contribution to the economic and social fabric of the surrounding communities.

We further acknowledge Bloomfield's commitment to ensure environmentally and socially responsible operations and support their initiatives to ensure all consent conditions are met and operations are focused on minimising any impacts.

Conclusion

The Chamber is pleased to offer its support to the Bloomfield Group's Rixs Creek Mine Continuation of Mining Project.

We welcome the extensive Environmental Assessment Report and acknowledge the work that continues in ensuring strong environmental performance at the site.

The Chamber believes this is a crucial project in sustaining local employment, local and regional economic benefit and positive social partnerships with various sectors of the community.