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To Whom it may concern

As a neighbour to North Parkes Mines, I am in a position to understand the concerns of neighbours to the proposed Clean TeQ Mine at Fifield in relation to mine and traffic noise, water, dust and the visual effects created by an operational mine site, but I would also add that by working together, a positive outcome can be reached so as to get the Fifield mine up and running.

Having lived through multiple expansions to the NPM activities and then subsequent road changes to accommodate these, our family has been directly impacted by traffic, noise, dust and visual effects of a mine site. When these changes were initially being discussed and impacts being determined, it was very hard to look at the overall picture and make sensible predictions of what the outcomes would be. It wasn't till we realised this was consuming us that we stood back and tried to have a more realistic look at the situation and determine whether our fears were justified or not.

This was also the situation for NPM when they became aware that it wasn't the right thing to expect neighbours to be accepting of what they were saying just because the data was showing that their activity wouldn't impact ground water, or the lay of the land would mean noise impact to neighbours and likewise traffic etc.

After both NPM and our family came to this point, the lines of communication were open and we now enjoy a very positive relationship where our concerns are heard and both parties are committed to working through any issues that arise. We were able to address noise and dust concerns by NPM installing monitors on our property and regular meetings with NPM so we knew no exceedances were taking place, turning lanes to protect our family from accidents when entering our property and bus signs to keep our children safe on and off the school bus. Our house being only 500m from the main traffic thoroughfare, had tree lines put in place to block noise and visual aspects of the mine site. All these things could be implemented by Clean TeQ to alleviate neighbour concerns and lessen their impact. Clean TeQ are already at the point of listening to neighbours and wanting to find a solution to concerns. A number of the management staff of Clean TeQ are the same people that made our journey with NPM a much more enjoyable experience. Our experience with their management team has been that of two way communication, where constructive discussion moves problems closer to solutions.

Clean TeQ have regulations put on them by the Department that they are required to adhere to. All the issues of noise, traffic, water, dust etc have strict guidelines that Clean TeQ have shown they are willing to work through with the community of Fifield and neighbours of the mine. They have shown what will be implemented to fix problems or what allowances are in place should exceedances need action. Clean TeQ have tried and are continuing to address people's concerns with numerous meetings being held so that people can have their say.

The wider community benefits that come with having Clean TeQ operations in our area will be substantial. Our local community will not only see employment opportunities, but great financial benefits as well. In this current climate that our community finds itself in, we would profit from the approval of the Clean TeQ Mine, the benefits to Trundle, Parkes, Condobolin and surrounding areas will far out way the negatives.

Yours Sincerely

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