

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission

My name is Vicki Hanlon and I live in Condobolin. I wish to state that I support the Clean TeQ Sunrise Nickel Mod 4 and would like it to be approved by the panel.

From a personal perspective I was brought up on the farm and have lived in rural communities for most of my life, so can understand and empathise with those who are on farms close to the proposed mine, but I have also spent the last 35 years living in communities that have successfully had mining co-exist alongside farming. I would like to state the positive effects that I have experienced when mining was part of the community or region

- I speak from the experience of coming to a town through mining as my husband was employed by the mining companies.
- Great benefits were given to our children through the experiences that we gained by going into a community and by becoming part of its social fabric.
- More families and personnel came to town, which is especially beneficial to small rural communities that are under increasing stress due to climatic conditions, lack of employment opportunities and youth leaving school and then the district.
- With more people the infrastructure was upgraded to meet the demand, this was also beneficial after the mine had closed.
- In Nyngan Local sporting clubs and facilities were upgraded with the help of the Girilambone copper company and Tritton mining company, in fact new tennis courts were built by the mine.
- The local school students also benefited from students from outside the area coming in with new experiences, the local children then saw something tangible to work towards, as they considered their options of gaining employment with the mine or undertaking training or a trade,

others saw that the opportunity of going to university and obtaining a degree that would lead to employment in mining as a possible option for them.

- Some close neighbours to the mines gained employment or were engaged as contractors to the mines ,thus supplementing their income.
- The economic benefits were there for all to see as all business benefited if not directly, but from the flow on effect. Business opportunities were also created.
- Local councils and authorities worked together with the mines to ensure that the communities were not at risk.
- With the checks and balances in place from both state governing bodies and regulators, I believe that in conjunction with the various Clean TeQ environmental management plans and continued community engagement and consultation that the project will be of significant benefit to all communities and regions.

From the perspective as the joint owner of Condobolin Newsagency, I and many other business owners in Condobolin including Don Lark Motorcycles, Belinda's Shoes, RJ's. Leading Appliances, Happy Daze, Ian Bell Smash repairs, Café Romos, The Hall, Condobolin Quality meats and Central West Tyre Service (who could not be here today to speak) and many others who are submitting written statements, strongly support the Clean TeQ Sunrise MOD 4 approval and would welcome the opportunity to be part of the growth of the economy of Condobolin and the region with a project the size of Clean TeQ Sunrise.

- We recognise that there would be an opportunity for Condobolin to upgrade existing infrastructure to meet the demands of more business, families and personnel, which would also benefit the wider community for many years to come.
- The opportunity exists for businesses to put themselves forward to become suppliers to the mine, thus increasing their viability and longevity.

- There would be many opportunities for economic and employment growth for Condobolin with an estimated 1000 jobs over construction and 300 when in operation, having a significant direct and indirect flow on effect.
- The Lachlan shire and their ratepayers along with Parkes and Forbes Shires will benefit greatly from the \$18.3 million from the Voluntary Planning Agreement that is in place from Clean TeQ.
- Roads will be upgraded, investments in education, training and community develop programs will be positives that will come to our region if the project can proceed.
- The project will provide welcome diversification to the region's economy particularly as agriculture becomes uncertain and employs less people.
- The opening of the mine would add value and demand to the housing/real estate market in Condobolin, Parkes, Forbes and villages.
- As I stated at the beginning I am in support of the Clean TeQ Sunrise nickel MOD 4 plan being passed and look forward to all that the enterprise can bring to our area.

Thank you