

11 February, 2019

Mr John Hann

Chair, Vickery IPC

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Dear Sir,

Vickery Extension Project

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts on the Vickery Extension Project. My name is Peter Altona I'm a Gomerai man from Tamworth, born in Quirindi. I have recently secured employment as a Trainee Operator at Maules Creek Coal mine. Previously to Maules Creek, I worked in Western Australia at BHP Billiton Iron Ore Port Production Operations.

I became aware of the Whitehaven's Indigenous Employment Strategy while in WA. I really want to move back to NSW and be closer to family and decided to apply for my current role which I was lucky enough to gain.

This has been wonderful opportunity to move back home closer to family and community, so that I can progress further in a career that has enormous growth and career paths that will keep me here to excel and gain further knowledge within Whitehaven Mining.

I have travelled extensively with representative and professional rugby union teams in Australia and overseas, and now can utilise the skills gained to put back into local teams and community based projects to further my own culture journey and affect others on there's.

The Vickery Extension Project will bring many benefits to the local region including indigenous people in terms of job opportunities that they would not otherwise get and potentially fundamental change their futures.

It is for this reason that I support the Vickery Extension Project and request an approval.

Yours Faithfully

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Peter Altona