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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 Tony Griffith I am a 62 year old Gomeri man and a Traditional Owner of the Gunnedah area. I have been employed for over 5 years as an Operator at Maules Creek Coal mine. Previously to Maules Creek, I was a cotton chipping contractor and farm labourer.

This has been wonderful opportunity for my family with both my younger children involved in the mining industry. Both now have career paths as a biodiversity labourer and haul truck operator.

My wife has also secured casual work in cultural heritage management

The Vickery Extension Project will bring many benefits to the local region. Aboriginal people self esteem has sky rocketed with employment in mining. It's changing Aboriginal people's lives.

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

Yours Faithfully

Tony Griffiths

Gunnedah Community