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The wealth created by mining, and in particular coal mining, is what has made NSW a great place to live. The work put into the creation of the state is now taken for granted by the inner city folk who have no idea of what happens outside of the latte bubble.

Mining is important to my family, my community, the State and to Australia. I am worried about my job and the future of jobs for my family and colleagues being put at risk by well intentioned, but idiotic Government funded committees driven by some agenda that is not in the wider public interest.

It is irrational that an unelected part-time panel is putting jobs and investment at risk with no accountability to the NSW Government.

When I was young we were told that the communists were permeating all areas of society with the view of destroying Australia from within. That did not happen but things like this are, and are just as bad - if not worse - as they are real.

Minority left wing pressure groups are vandalizing our mining and manufacturing industries with, protests, red tape and excessive regulation. Our Governments need to wake up and reassume their role in the process as one of facilitating progress.

The Independent Planning Commission should be required to make decisions that are consistent with the policies of the elected government.

The Independent Planning Commission should be expediting progress, not adding unnecessary delays to planning timeframes. There should be a constant commitment to streamlining the assessment processes of the Department of Planning and other agencies.

When last I checked there were more than 7,000 local businesses across NSW that are supported by mining. Newcastle exists to service the Mining Industry. Decisions by the Independent Planning Commission are putting local businesses at risk.

There are 40,000 people working in mining in NSW including 23,000 coal miners who rely on mining for their livelihood.

When I was young I worked for [REDACTED] who made coal fired power stations. My first job was to pack up the detail drawings of the nuclear power station that was to be built at Jervis Bay. That project was cancelled by Prime Minister Bob Menzies when he realised that the better way was to build decentralised coal fired power stations that employed thousands of people at decentralised locations. The export coal industry was underpinned by the base load coal demand.

Government desperately needs experienced folk like Menzies to act as a champion of the Mining industry as without a mining industry NSW will become a third world economy. One of the problems of Government privatisation is the loss of Government employees with actually day to day experience of running a state run coal mine.

Government needs to rekindle an affinity with the people and companies that are trying to maintain businesses that create new first world jobs and the infrastructure to support those jobs.

NSW Government should not assume that prosperity will continue without strong support for the Mining Industry.

Best regards

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