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Hi Melissa,

As mentioned yesterday, here are our submissions. I was hoping for a few more, but I think these do a pretty good job of encapsulating our situation. Please let me know if you require any more information.

Regards,
Sean.

Born and raised in Whyalla, I've been a local resident all of my life other than a period of 7 years, and I've been back in the country town of Whyalla for close to a decade now. The town is dear to me, based upon the opportunities and lifestyle provided, and because of the people and memories made here. Growing up, I wasn't entirely cognisant of Whyalla's reliance upon industry to support the population and local communities. It has become increasingly clear to me (upon my return to Whyalla) that Mining has played a pivotal role in supporting the local steel manufacturing industry base, to provide some industrial diversity in the immediate region. Now, the local Mining Operations are no longer viewed as a support service to the Steel industry – the Mining assets now contribute to significant (relative) export activities in their own right, and provide substantial employment opportunities while still maintaining support of the local Steel Manufacturing plant.

Beyond supporting the sustainability of the township (on a macro scale), I have friends that own or work for small businesses that support and are supported by the primary employers of the region. Small companies that support families by employing locally and also supporting the local region by way of sponsorship and/or generous donations. None of which would be possible without the mining industry as a significant contributor to the local community.

The mining framework has evolved significantly over the years, and the ethics, developmental model and supportive structure of some of the primary mining service providers / employers (that I have personally worked with) have enabled many local residents to become leaders for their families and the local community. An increasing focus on safety, health and wellbeing allows these leaders to transmit these learned values and skill sets in the community space, once again providing benefit to the culture and wellbeing of the township.

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Benefits of working in the mining industry in SA include:

- Contribution to the generation of wealth to benefit both the state and regional economies
- Opportunity to work in a highly-regarded jurisdiction with world-class mineral endowment
- Sense of satisfaction in contributing to the life of regional communities, in using local businesses and services and in providing direct and indirect employment opportunities
- Satisfaction of using career experience in giving something back to your place of birth, schooling and tertiary education

Geoff Johnson
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Six years ago I entered the mining industry in a project planning-and-management role. Prior to this I'd lived and worked in Adelaide for two decades, in a similar role in IT and Telecommunications. My city-based views of rural living, and Whyalla in particular, were not flattering. When I moved, my extended family said, "you'll soon be back."

They're still waiting. I live one house back from a beautiful beach, and work with some of the most professional, yet down-to-earth people I've known. I've gotten used to a ten minute commute to work in the mornings, and to taking the dog for an evening walk on beaches with no one else in sight. When my family come to visit, they all ask to go see the dolphins – again and again.

When our company passed in voluntary administration, most of my co-workers decided to just work harder to make sure we make it through. We're almost there, and cautiously optimistic about the future. As our company recuperates, I hope your reviews will recommend modern, safe, sustainable and efficient practices that will grow both the mining industry and the communities–like ours–that depend upon it.

My wife and I met online, and she took an interest in part because I was in mining (like her father). While we regularly visit Adelaide, she'd rather spend weekends exploring yet another coastal beach or rural town that we haven't yet discovered.

As our state's mining industry rebuilds, may your review update and simplify laws and practices with a goal of helping rural businesses and communities. In the meantime, my family enjoy visiting our remote part of the state more and more often. Each time they leave I remind them, "you'll be back!".

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Hi Sean

Cut off time is COB tomorrow, do you need a couple of extra days.

Regards

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