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ANTHONY (TONY) WATSON

District Check Inspector (B)

Dear Member

I'm putting my hand up for the vacant District Check Inspector position because I want to look after the health & safety of Mineworkers in the District. I believe I have the skills, temperament and commitment to be able to perform this vitally important role well.

I will stand up for the Health & Safety of Mineworkers and I believe that every Worker has the right to go home safely at the end of their shift.

I have been a proud Member of the Union and have worked at numerous operations, both in the undergrounds and open cuts, in the District for 32 years.

My family has a proud tradition of being local coal miners, and sadly my Great Grandfather's name George Watson appears on the Memorial Wall at the Cessnock Office following his premature death at Hebburn No. 2 underground in 1955.

I was the Local Check Inspector for the Newpac (then Ravensworth) Underground and CHPP for at least 10 years before the underground closed and worked closely with District Check Inspectors following the fatality at the Ravensworth CHPP Loading facility.

I understand the industry and have interactions with numerous Mine Managers, Department Inspectors, the District Check Inspectors and Mineworkers. These have covered various issues and incidents, ranging from the above fatality to general unsafe hazards and events across all types of mining operations.

Over my 32 years I've worked as a permanent employee, contractor and labour hire worker. I've worked in many roles including underground as a deputy, miner driver, longwall operator, underground operator, shotfirer and as a truck driver and driller in the open cuts.

My time in the Industry has seen me work at West Wallsend No. 2 Underground, Lambton Underground, Liddell Underground, Great Greta Colliery, Hunter Valley Operations (Open Cut), Gretley Underground, Ravensworth Underground, Ravensworth North (Open Cut), Narrabri Underground, Austar Underground and Bulga Underground.

I have a good understanding of what's required to take on the issues, and with **YOUR VOTE**, I believe we can make a difference.

In Unity,

Tony Watson