

**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VALUATION
OF LAND ACT 1916**

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Blayney Shire Council



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Joint Committee on the Office of the Valuer General
Parliament House
Macquarie St
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Dear Sir or Madam

SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISIONS OF THE VALUATION OF LAND ACT 1916


I refer to the recent call for submissions to the Inquiry into the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act 1916, and refer the following matter to the Joint Committee for consideration.

Under current legislation, Councils are unable to seek a revaluation of a mine lease area, despite a substantial increase in mine production, outside of the routine general revaluation cycle.

In the Blayney Shire, a mining company has recently obtained development consent to commence mining of a third ore body within its current mining lease area. By delaying the revaluation of this mine site to the general revaluation process prevents Council from being able to levy a proper and equitable rate with adversely affecting the Council's rate base capacity.

Council is therefore seeking an amendment to legislation which allows an annual revaluation of mine sites where it can be demonstrated that mining production has substantially varied.

Yours faithfully


AL Jones
GENERAL MANAGER