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Former Appin Supervisor warns of South 32 Strategy at Appin

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Former Appin Supervisor Rob Powell was interviewed by the *Illawarra Mercury* in regards to South 32 locking out its Deputies.

Rob warned of the risk that South 32 was taking by locking out Appin Supervisors and replacing them with a hastily trained workforce. "You've got to learn that mine, it's as simple as that. You've got to learn the layout, its conditions, how it reacts during production," he said. "It is a very, very gassy mine and that's a real concern for a lot of the people."

This mirrors what your Staff Union has already told South 32 management. Our Senior Industrial Officer Kylie Rooke said that in some cases the replacement workforce were "very inexperienced people off the street" who were "rushed through training".

Rob revealed what he believes is the true South 32 agenda. "The bottom line is they want contract labour; they don't want permanent employees, they don't want permanent South32 deputies; they want contract mining," he said.

Your Union will continue to stand with the Appin Deputies for fairness.

You can read the full article here at

<https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/5543680/locked-out-workers-knowledge-critical-former-appin-mine-supervisor/>

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