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To Whom It May Concern,

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation (SSD-42917792)**

Forbes Arts Society supports the Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation Project as it aligns with our strategic objective to "Grow the Forbes Shire's reputation as a vibrant place to live, work, visit and invest through ... initiatives and infrastructure that diversifies our regional economy and drives visitation" [Forbes Arts Society Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025].

Evolution Mining Cowal Operation shares our vision for a sustainable economy, and we applaud them for leading this pursuit. This project will provide a solid framework for supporting economic development, community growth, job creation and increased visitation to the region.

Since 2017, Evolution Mining Cowal Operation has been a valued supporter of our charitable organisation as the major sponsor of our annual fundraising event, *Grazing Down the Lachlan*. This event partnership has facilitated the generation of more than \$250,000 for the delivery of a range of purposeful tourism infrastructure, including the expansion of the Sculpture Down the Lachlan public art trail. Scheduled for completion in 2023, our regional communities are already experiencing the economic and social benefits of this unique tourism assets.

Forbes Arts Society supports the Cowal Gold Operations Open Pit Continuation and looks forward continuing our partnership with Evolution Mining to deliver positive social and economic outcomes for our community into the future.

Sincerely,

Trudy Malik  
Forbes Arts Society, Chairperson

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