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Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline Submissions
Major Project Assessments
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Dear Sirs

Re Application Reference Number 06-0286

The Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Inc) would like to express its support for the Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline planned for construction between Wallumbilla in Queensland to Newcastle in New South Wales

Based on information supplied by the project developers we consider that the benefits will be economic, environmental and social to the communities along the proposed route.

We understand that the construction is being funded privately, that the pipeline will provide a greater security of gas supply to metropolitan, regional and rural communities along the way. We always welcome investment in regional areas and we are confident that it will have a positive effect on employment with the development of new industries, and increased economic activity resulting from the project.

Natural gas can be used in electricity generation, resulting in approximately 30% less greenhouse gas emissions. We also see huge potential to develop coal seam gas production especially in the Upper Hunter due to the large number of coal mines in our area.

We are told that the employment generated in the construction stage is estimated to be 600, with 25 employees required after completion to maintain the pipeline. Spin off jobs will result as the pipeline moves through the state, and we have been assured that construction supplies – food, fuel, parts, bulk materials, will be purchased in the localities of the camps along the route.

We see this project as a positive development and fully support its construction.

Yours sincerely

Mike Kelly
President

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Please find attached our submission in support of the Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline

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