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Dear Mr Fittell

Maxwell Underground Coal Mine (SSD-9526 MOD 2) – Mining Optimisation Modification Project – Review of Submissions Report

I refer to your request for advice on the Major Projects Portal, dated 5 September 2022, in which the Planning and Assessment Division (P&A) of the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) invited Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department to provide advice in relation to the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Mining Optimisation Modification project (SSD-9526 MOD 2). Also on 5 September 2022, BCD received data for the biodiversity assessment from the proponent of the project, Malabar Resources.

BCD has reviewed the 'Maxwell Underground Mine Project: Mining Optimisation Modification: Submissions Report', and the data provided by Malabar Resources, in relation to the response to comments in our letter dated 15 August 2022. BCD is satisfied with the additional information provided and has no further comment in relation to the biodiversity assessment for the project.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Robert Gibson, Senior Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3248 or via email at huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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