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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is Dan Cleary and I am lifelong resident of NSW, Husband and a proud father of two school aged children.

Throughout my life I have been very fortunate to work in or with varied industries either supporting or cooperating beneficially with our most important Primary Industry – Mining. I have held management or operational roles, in road transport, aviation, earthmoving & farming.

I live in the Mudgee region and see daily, the role mining plays in job creation, benefit to the local economy, coexistence, and mutual industry and local support.

I support Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project.

This is a well-planned project that has been designed so our community can enjoy a much-needed economic boost without adversely affecting other local industries and land uses.

I support the project because it will deliver important benefits for the local community and NSW including;

- **ECONOMIC BENEFITS:** The Maxwell Project will generate in excess of \$1 billion for the NSW economy.
- **JOB CREATION:** The project will mean directly 350 more skilled jobs for the local community. These jobs will inject around \$55 million in wages into our community – benefiting many other businesses in the area. Malabar has also promised to provide training for local people so the skills to operate an underground mine can be developed within the local area. They have also said they want to prioritise hiring locals to ensure that the benefits of the project stay here in the community.
- **METALLURGICAL COAL:** The project will produce 75% metallurgical coal that supports our local steel industry and continues to cement our position as a major producer and exporter of metallurgical coal. Sound supplies of Metallurgical coal supports the steel industry.

- **SUPPORTS THE AUSTRALIAN STEEL INDUSTRY:** I also support the Australian Steel industry and all activities that support it for which Malabar does. Steel is the most recyclable commodity on the planet. Steel is the most recycled material on the planet, more than all other materials combined. Steel retains an extremely high overall recycling rate, which in 2014, stood at 86 percent. The amazing metallurgical properties of steel allow it to be recycled continually with no degradation in performance, and from one product to another.

Reference: <https://www.steelsustainability.org/> 2019

- **COEXISTENCE:** Malabar have developed a sensible project that means NSE can benefit from the economic boost a new mine will provide – while also allowing the horse studs and other land uses to continue their operations. I'm pleased that the EIS for the Maxwell Project shows that the underground mine can co-exist safely with other industries. Co-existence has always been an important part of our community. Having a number of strong industries has helped our community to flourish. This project means that can continue for years to come.
- **REHABILITATION:** Malabar demonstrates they take mine rehabilitation seriously. They started rehabilitating the old Drayton open and have made great progress so far. It is great to see a business take this job so seriously. I appreciate that they have already opened up some of the land for cattle to graze on. This shows a commitment to coexistence with other local industries.
- **SOLAR PROJECT:** I appreciate that Malabar are also investing in a solar farm on their rehabilitated land. This also should be approved to provide additional renewable power directly to the grid. Malabar has demonstrated its proactive with projects that benefit the community

I wish to see that the NSW government supports a diverse economy and the Maxwell Underground Project which can help make sure our economy prospers for decades to come.

Regards



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