



NSW Department of Planning

Major Projects

09 August 2022

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Max Strachan and I represent Pumps and Pipeline Services Pty Ltd (PPS) Muswellbrook.

Re: Maxwell Underground Mine (MOD2) – SSD-9526-Mod-2

I am writing to lodge my support for the modification sought by Malabar Resources' for its Maxwell Underground Project.

The Maxwell underground mine has already proven to support both ours and many local businesses. A conservative estimate of the revenue this operation will generate for our business will be approximately \$2.3 million over the next six months with approximately \$1.32 million being used directly to pay wages of the local personnel employed by PPS. Furthermore there is the ongoing revenue generated as a result of the continued support PPS will give to the operation. It is imperative that Dept. of Planning support coal operations that support local specialised business which can then in turn support local industry and individuals.

This is a sensible modification to an approved project that has been designed so our community can enjoy a much needed economic boost without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses.

I support Mod-2 because the Maxwell project will deliver important benefits for the local community, including 250 jobs during the construction phase and once operational the mine will generate 350 long-term jobs in addition to many more indirect jobs and stimulus for local businesses.

These benefits will make a substantial long-term difference to the communities in the Upper Hunter and to NSW.

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The modification sought by Malabar does not change the underground mining method, nor increase the coal production rate or total coal mined. I understand the benefits of the modification include;

- a safer environment for workers
- less use of groundwater for the life of the mine
- a reduction in the duration of mining beneath Edderton Road
- reduction in capital cost
- better gas management strategies including beneficial re-use

Our community needs a diverse economy and the Maxwell Underground Project can help make sure our economy prospers for decades to come.

Best Regards,



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