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NSW Department of Planning
Major Projects

RE: MAXWELL UNDERGROUND MINE (MOD2) – SSD-9526-MOD-2

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Director of Projence Pty Ltd, a company providing integrated project management and commercial services to leading companies across a range of industries, I am writing to lodge my support for the modification sought by Malabar Resources for its Maxwell Underground Project.

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.

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.

Warm regards,

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