



NSW Department of Planning

Major Projects

15TH August 2022

To Whom It May Concern

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

On behalf of our 200 Members, the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce supports the modification sought by Malabar Resources for its Maxwell Underground Project.

This is a sensible modification to an approved project that can add to the local economy without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses.

We 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. We 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.

The Maxwell Underground Project adds to the diversity of our local economy which ensures our economic sustainability into the future.

We commend the Modification to the Department and look forward to you favourable determination with realistic conditions of consent.

Yours sincerely,

Michael J Kelly

President