

15 Lofberg Court

Muswellbrook

NSW 2333

15th August 2022

To Whom It May Concern

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

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

I have spent my entire career in underground coal mining and understand the economic and social benefits of the mining industry to local communities.

The Maxwell Underground Project is an important project that will provide 350 long term jobs for the Hunter. The underground mining method to be used will minimise the environmental impact on the local area.

A significant benefit of the proposed modification is to improve the safety of the underground mining operation. Changing the alignment of the longwall panels will enable mining to occur at a more favourable orientation relative to the expected ground stress therefore minimising risks to the health and safety of the workforce.

The modification will also reduce environmental impact by decreasing the use of ground water over the life of the mine and decreasing the time required for mining under Edderton Road.

The proposed modification does not change the mining method and does not increase the coal output of the Project.

The Hunter Valley needs mining operations such as the Maxwell Underground Project that provide jobs for local people while minimising environmental impact to provide ongoing sustainable economic activity throughout the region.

Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MKlein', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matthew Klein