

TR Denman Vineyards Pty Ltd
Trading as Two Rivers Wines
2 Yarrawa Road
Denman NSW 2328

NSW Department of Planning
Major Projects

15th August 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

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

My name is Christopher Ross Crump and I am a co-owner and director of “Two Rivers Wines” (TR Denman Vineyards Pty Ltd) who operate the largest vineyard and retail wine operation in the Upper Hunter at Denman NSW.

We acquired the operations in late 2021 and are currently upgrading the tourist facilities, vineyard and retail operations of this well known established (38 years ago) visitor destination. We produce some 450-500 tonnes of prime white wine varieties for wine production for our own brand and a number of other Hunter Valley wine producers. We are long term vineyard and tourist facility owners in the lower Hunter Valley (Pokolbin NSW) and have purchased to enlarge our footprint in annual wine production and grape supply to same.

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 short and long term employment and stimulus for local businesses.

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.

Regards



Ross Crump
(Director)