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The NSW Department of Planning 4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta NSW, 2150

Re: HVO Continued Operations Project

Dear Sir/Madame,

I write to you in support of the continuation project for Hunter Valley Operations. I have been lucky enough to be involved with the Hunter Valley Operations team for approximately 25 years in various roles with two local Muswellbrook businesses.

HVO as we call it has been in operation for 70 years, during this journey they have provided many local businesses (including ours) with the opportunity to supply ongoing goods and services and, offered continued community support through grants, sponsorships and various charitable gifts and donations. They have always shown a strong hand with the environmental challenges they face and continue to lead the way in their approach.

HVO employs well over 1,000 staff members, indirectly they employ hundred's more through various local suppliers on any given day. MMS Engineering has been a supplier to HVO for over 11 years, during this time we have completed tens of thousands of man hours both on site at HVO and off site in our local workshop facility in Muswellbrook NSW. Their support of our business and many others like us has provided us with the opportunity to grow and diversify to enable additional employment opportunities within our local community.

We are proud to be associated with Hunter Valley Operations and write this letter in **FULL** support of the continued operations project.

Kind Regards,

Brad Smith Operations Manager MMS Engineering