

8th August 2025

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
NSW Government

Re: Support for the Maules Creek Continuation Project

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of ASG Equipment Group, I am writing to express our strong support for Whitehaven Coal's Maules Creek Continuation Project, currently under consideration as part of the NSW Government's development application process.

This project is critical for sustaining jobs, economic stability, and long-term growth in North West NSW.

If approved, the continuation of operations until 2044 will:

- Provide ongoing employment for approximately 940 people, the majority of whom are locally based, with a peak workforce of over 1,000.
- Deliver around \$160 million annually in wages to the Maules Creek Mine workforce.
- Maintain over \$200 million in yearly expenditure with local businesses and suppliers, directly benefiting the regional economy.
- Continue contributing significant royalties to the NSW Government, with \$168 million paid in FY24 alone.
- Support diversity in the workforce, with around 14% of employees identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

In addition to the economic benefits, the Maules Creek Continuation Project has been designed with careful consideration of environmental management and community values.

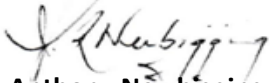
The Environmental Impact Statement outlines measures that will ensure mining activities remain within existing tenements, improve operational efficiency, enhance water conservation through new infrastructure, and deliver a large-scale revegetation program covering approximately 2,300 hectares of native woodland.

Our business has seen first-hand the positive flow-on effects from Maules Creek Mine's operations. The mine's ongoing activity underpins local supplier networks, creates opportunities for skilled trades, and supports the livelihoods of countless families across the region.

Its continuation is vital for ensuring a resilient, prosperous future for the local economy.

We strongly encourage the approval of this development application so that Whitehaven can continue delivering social, economic, and environmental benefits for decades to come.

Yours sincerely,



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