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RE: Support for Metropolitan Mine Extension Project (MO08_0149-Mod-4)

Nexus Mining makes this submission in support of the Metropolitan Mine Extension Project and Peabody Energy.

Our company owners and senior leadership team have a collective 100 years of experience in underground mining across various resources and regions. We work closely with other mining companies across a range of areas, including matters of operational safety, efficiency and regulatory adherence.

These areas of expertise and years of experience make us well equipped to identify mining companies who are genuinely competent and committed to maximising their operation without compromising on their commitment to safety and environmental compliance. Whilst we are not in a position to comment specifically on the assessment of the environmental factors, we would not endorse a company that doesn't match our own high standards and core business values.

Additionally, our support for the project is informed by a number of factors:

- 1) Metropolitan Mine currently supports hundreds of local jobs and Nexus understands that the continuation of the mine in accordance with the planned modification extension to its steel making coal operations by two years will create even more direct employment opportunities.
- 2) Beyond its capacity to directly supply jobs, the mine utilises many local services and suppliers as part of its operations. This injects money into the local economy indirectly.

A decision not to grant approval for the Metropolitan Coal Mine – Mod 4; modification to extend its steelmaking coal operations by two years, would have far-reaching and wide-ranging consequences. The impacts would extend beyond the business interests of Peabody Energy, having a demonstrable negative impact on businesses throughout the Illawarra. As a flow-on effect of these economic impacts, local communities would also suffer due to higher unemployment and financial strain.

Mining has a long history in the Illawarra, supplying both domestic and international customers with some of the highest quality metallurgical coal in the world. This is a reason to be proud, as well as an opportunity for the region to continue to grow and prosper. Mining has played a large part in creating the dynamic, vibrant and thriving Illawarra region that exists today. Approval of the Metropolitan Coal Mine extension project will ensure that the benefits of mining continue to contribute to a secure and prosperous future for the area.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Grennell', written over a horizontal line.

Killian Grennell
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