

13th May 2019

Dear Mr Phillips

Re: Mandalong Southern Extension Project

I welcome the opportunity to present a submission to the Department regarding the MOD 8 application. There are some aspects of this application that I would like to comment on.

Firstly, concerning a contribution to the Mandalong community by Centennial coal mine. I understand there are employment positions opening up at Mandalong mine. When I first moved to Mandalong in 2000 there was a very strong community spirit. For example, we hosted community Christmas parties at our property which were attended by 90 residents. I have since been to the same events where only 20 or 30 people came along. This decline is due to the fragmentation of our community by the coal mine purchasing many properties and the residents who were engaged in community activities moved away. It would therefore be beneficial to the local community if Mandalong mine drew employees from the immediate area. There has been much talk over the years of Mandalong mine contributing to the Mandalong community which has never really amounted to anything. Up to date there has been very little done to support our community. Employment would provide a great opportunity for the mine to become proactive and make a real commitment to give our local jobseekers traineeships and/or full time positions for those already skilled.

Secondly I would like to raise the issue of increasing traffic problems encountered while driving along Mandalong Road. There is already a large volume of heavy vehicles travelling along Mandalong Road servicing the southern extension. It would stand to reason that additional employment at Mandalong mine would increase the impact of the current congestion. It would be beneficial for Mandalong mine to collect accurate data concerning the volume of traffic and implement mitigation measures to relieve the problems.

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