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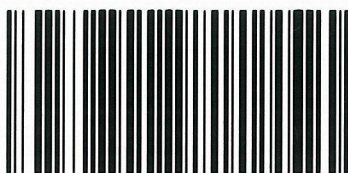
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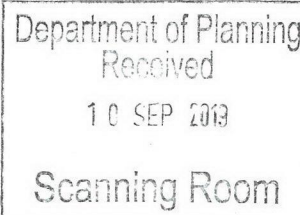
Planning Services

Department of Planning Industry & Environment

GPO Box 39

Sydney NSW 2001

28<sup>th</sup> August, 2019



Dear Sirs,

Re – Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project – SSD-8642

The MCCI represents one hundred and fifty (150) Muswellbrook Businesses and supports the application for continued operations at Mangoola Coal.

Our Chamber supported the commencement of operations at Mangoola in 2010 and has had a close relationship with the company and its operations.

Our support of this new application is based on our experience of significant economic inputs to our local economy in the past and the reliance on those inputs into the future. It is also based on our experience of Mangoola Coal's close relationship with the local community and support of community events & projects.

The Mangoola operation has made considerable contributions to the National, State & Upper Hunter economies and has been particularly beneficial to Muswellbrook & Denman businesses.

The Continuation Project provides many economic benefits, including –

- Significant export earnings and efficient recovery of the State's coal resource.
- Ongoing use of the mine's infrastructure.
- Continued employment of 400 people with a peak of 480 in the construction phase.
- Continued benefits to local businesses, service providers and their employees of an estimated \$92.6M.
- Royalty revenue of \$121M to the NSW State Government.

- A fully integrated rehabilitation program and final landform, in accordance with leading practice natural landform design principles, across the existing and proposed mining areas. This is expected to return the land to native woodland and pasture of equal to previous grazing capacity. The Chamber Board has visited the site and witnessed the rehabilitation works first hand.
- The continuation of contributions to Muswellbrook Shire Council under a Voluntary Planning Agreement, which has amounted to \$8.2M since 2010. In addition, Mangoola has provided \$650,000 in funding grants to community-based initiatives & groups.
- A cost/benefit analysis which forecasts a \$408.6M net benefit in net present value terms for the project.

The Chamber's support is subject to the Department's assessment and placing of conditions which, ensure a continuation of the inputs to the local economy, ensure best practice environmental management and maintain co-existence with neighbours and other industries.

We commend the Project and welcome the opportunity to make this submission and provide any additional information the Department may require.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Kelly', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J Kelly  
President