

Dendrobium Mine: Plan for the Future - Coal for Steelmaking Project (SSD-8194)

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supports the proposed Dendrobium Mine: Coal for Steelmaking project (SSD8194).

Reasons for my support are as follows:

Socio-Economic Benefits

- ☒ Continued mining would sustain the employment of Dendrobium's workforce, create a further 100 jobs for the life of the Project and an additional 200 jobs in construction.
- ☒ The Project will generate around \$714 million in royalties, taxes and rates, contributing to local and state infrastructure and services.
- ☒ The Project will result in a total net benefit to the NSW economy of over \$2.8 billion (real, undiscounted terms), including over \$1.1 billion (real, undiscounted terms) to the Greater Wollongong Region.
- ☒ The Project would allow South32 to continue to support local suppliers and contractors, providing additional security and longevity of employment in the region.

Environmental Measures and Outcomes

- ☒ The Project commits to not longwall mine under water supply reservoirs including dams, or under named watercourses and key stream features.
- ☒ The Project commits to a minimum of one-kilometre setbacks from the Avon and Cordeaux dam walls.
- ☒ The Project commits to pursue opportunities for industrial users to reuse our excess mine water.
- ☒ South32 supports biodiversity research in the water catchment, including swamps and endangered species such as the Giant Dragonfly and the Littlejohn's Tree Frog.

Steelmaking in the Illawarra

- ☒ The Project would provide an ongoing and essential local supply of metallurgical coal to BlueScope Steelworks. South32 currently supplies around 60% of BlueScope Steelworks' metallurgical coal requirements.

Other reasons: It is environmentally responsible to source coal for the steelworks locally.

Signed: 

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- ☒ I have not made a reportable political donation in the previous two years
- ☐ I do not want my personal details made publicly available