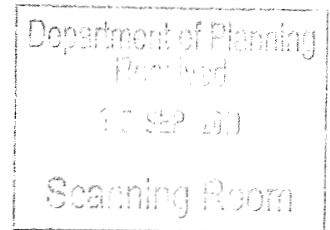


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Director – Coal and Quarry Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Sydney NSW 2001

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

Dear Director,

I write to you with the purpose of expressing my support for the Dendrobium Mine: Plan for the Future - Coal for Steelmaking Project. 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.

Further to the points above, Illawarra Coal respects and understands the importance of operating an underground mine within the Sydney Water Catchment and has demonstrated over the past several decades the company's commitment to responsible mining in catchment areas.

The importance of the Dendrobium Mine to the economy of the Illawarra region is an inescapable consideration in the context of underground mining's potential to continue operating into the future.

Yours sincerely

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