

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

Attention: Director – Coal and Quarry Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

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: The Company has taken many steps in recent years, responding to community and other stakeholder feedback to ensure it remains the mining company of choice. It has done so through the use of key decisions to protect and manage the environment in which it operates in the most sustainable way.

Signed: _____

Date: 7/9/2019

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