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Director – Coal and Quarry Assessments  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
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**RE: Support for Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSD-8194)**

Highland Water Solutions supports the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project.

Our endorsement of this important project stems primarily from our recognition of the critical contribution made by South32 Illawarra Coal to the local community and economy. Building upon this foundation of support is our knowledge, as a company, of South32 Illawarra's ongoing commitment to proactively mitigating and managing its environmental impacts.

While we are not able to provide commentary on the assessment of the Dendrobium Mine Extension's environmental impacts, we do know what makes a company environmentally responsible. This is largely because it's our mission as a business to empower resource companies such as South32, in a way that allows them to innovate and evolve their approach to impact mitigation.

We have worked closely with South32's environmental and exploration teams, contributing to the careful management of their activities in a way that preserves and protects important natural features. They utilise our industry-leading water carts and vacuum tankers - specialised vehicles that use advanced onboard technology and are targeted for use by companies who value leading edge innovation to achieve minimal environmental impact.

Aside from our company's positive experiences with South32 Illawarra Coal, particularly concerning their commitment to preserving the values associated with sensitive local environments, it is important to note that there is more at stake with this approval than the ongoing prosperity of Illawarra Coal. A thriving local resources industry means a thriving Illawarra. Everyone benefits in some way from an economic chain reaction that supports our businesses and communities from the ground up.

From its role as Bluescope Steel's main supplier of steel making coal, to the thousands of dollars it spends each year enriching grass-roots community projects, South32 Illawarra contributes abundantly to the Illawarra in so many ways. Approval of the Dendrobium Mine Extension will allow it to continue to do so.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brett Delamont', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Brett Delamont

Managing Director

Highland Water Solutions