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Dear Ms Wilson

RE: MOOLARBEN COAL MINE STAGE 1 OPTIMISATIONPROJECT (05 0017 MOD 9)

I write to give my support to the Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project.

I support the project for the reasons set out below.

The Optimisation Project is important for maintaining the continuing operation of mining at Moolarben Coal Operations (MCO).

MCO actively supports the economic prosperity of Ulan, Mudgee and the greater Mid Western Regional Council area, through the direct employment of mine personnel and through employment of personnel by contractors and suppliers. The mine and its employees support local businesses, sporting and community groups, charities and fund raising activities.

MCO is a highly ethical and safety focussed employer and this contributes to the well-being of local employees and their families.

MCO has been recognised for the high standard of its environmental management and proactive rehabilitation strategies. MCO is a good neighbour and corporate citizen.

Approval of the MCO Optimisation Project will provide certainty and confidence to MCO's employees, contractors and suppliers, and will ensure that the practices and values described above are maintained for the benefit of the local and regional communities.

Yours sincerely

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