

17 June 2013

Sara Wilson,  
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Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
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**Re: Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project**

Dear Sara,

I would like to provide a positive submission in support of the Moolarben Stage 1 modification referred to as the Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project.

The reasons why I support the project are as follows;

- Moolarben Coal is a key financial contributor to the Mid-Western Regional Council area.
- The operation forms a significant employer with the local area, with an employ local policy to support this position.
- The mining of the targeted coal reserves utilises a reserve which would otherwise be sterilised.
- The extension will provide ongoing confidence in an broader economic climate which is currently displaying signs of stress and contraction.
- The extension is a Brownfield site whereby water controls and environmental issues have been considered and addressed as part of the current operations.
- Moolarben have demonstrated a positive and proactive commitment to rehabilitation with positive onground environmental results.
- The company undertakes its responsibilities as a broader land manager to a high level, such as weed and pest control.
- Moolarben has demonstrated its commitment to continuous environment improvement at the site through research and investment, for example the introduction of the stealth mining fleet.

I appreciate your consideration of this submission.

Yours Sincerely,



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**DAVID ENGLISH**  
Director