

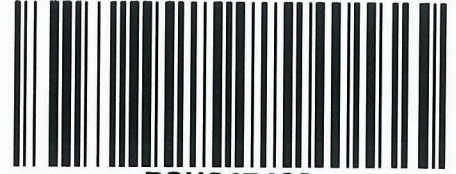
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Ms Sara Wilson

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NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure

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Dear Ms Wilson,

RE: Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project (05_0117 MOD 9)

I hereby extend my support for the Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project for reasons as follows.

Small businesses such as ours rely on the continued prosperity of local mines. Moolarben Coal Mine Pty Ltd (MCM) is economically beneficial to our community by giving their support to local businesses, contractors and suppliers. Further, MCM is an active employer of local people and engage only workers who reside within 100km of the site, unlike many other mines which employ fly-in, fly-out staff. This is paramount for our community.

MCM also actively supports local charities, sporting and community groups, including vital support for the Mudgee District Hospital. Remarkably, MCM have distributed over \$250,000 in community grants and sponsorships as part of their Community Support Program – developed to assist an array of community-focussed initiatives in Mudgee and the greater Mid-Western region - across the last three (3) years alone. Funding has assisted in areas such as infrastructure projects, research, arts, and health and safety, to name a few.

Personally, and as a member of the Mudgee Division of the Rural Fire Service (RFS), I am continuously impressed by MCM's willingness to assist with fundraising efforts toward vital equipment needed by the RFS.

MCM staff are respected members of the community here in Mudgee due to the consultative nature of the way they carryout business, and I wish success upon the Stage 1 Optimisation Project for the sake of the all MCM workers, subcontractors and all other associated persons.

Regards,

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