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Ms Sarah Wilson Director Mining & Industry Projects & Approvals Dept Planning & Infrastructure GPO BOX 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Wilson,

Re: Moolarben Coal Mine Stage 1 Optimisation Project

We wish to express our support for the above Stage 1 Optimisation Project.

Moolarben Coal have been a massive contributor to the economic growth and prosperity of the town of Mudgee and its region.

The company has employed a large number of personnel both as direct employees and contractors. This has an ongoing affect on the community through retail and local businesses generally.

Moolarben Coal have made generous contributions to charitable organisations such as Mudgee District Hospital, VRA, Sporting clubs and other organisations.

It appears from a local point of view, that Moolarben Coal, its management and team are caring of the region, its people and the community as a whole.

Should you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me on 0418 413 413.

Yours Faithfully

Hugh Bateman Mudgee Citizen of the year 1998 REI NSW Centennary Award recipient 2010

