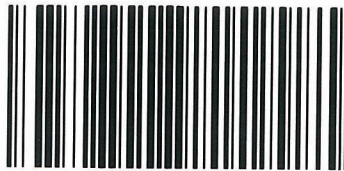
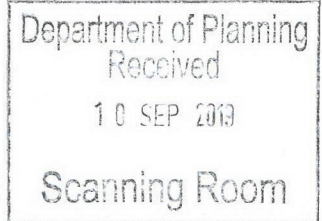


Thursday 29th August 2019



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NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
GPO Box 39,
Sydney NSW 2001



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Support for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project
Application Number: SSD-9526

This letter is to express my support for the application made by Malabar Coal for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project.

I am a qualified fitter and have been working in the coal mining industry for over 20 year. I am currently working for a company who contracts to Malabar Coal at their Maxwell site. I have worked on this site for the last 9 months and can confidently say that Malabar Coal has the right intentions for the site and the future of coal mining in the Hunter Valley.

I have been on a lot of mine sites across the Hunter Valley and can honestly say the rehab Malabar Coal are doing on the site currently is the best I have ever seen and is a true credit to the owners of the site. I was directly involved in rehab in the late 1990's at various sites across the valley and rehab techniques and methods have come along way since then, all for the better.

The Maxwell Underground project will allow for so many benefits to the local community. We need jobs in the Hunter and this project will provide another 350 of them. Many of the people employed by the project will be new to underground mining, so the project presents many opportunities for people wanting to get into the industry, or are looking for a host employer to complete their traineeship or apprenticeship.

Being an underground mine application mitigates many of the issues coal mining is generally associated with. Dust, noise, blasting and visual impacts are not an issue for underground mines and therefore these types of applications should be supported and encouraged.

I hope the NSW Government determines this project as a positive one and approves the application. I support this project and wish Malabar Coal all the best.

Kind regards,

John Whitney