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

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is Simon Bird and I am Sydney based senior executive with a finance background. Our superannuation fund has a small investment with Malabar Coal, primarily based on the faith I have in the integrity and ability of the board and management team.

I am writing to lodge my support for Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project.

This project is I understand designed to provide an economic boost to the local community while minimising any negative impact on other local industries and land uses. I support the project because it will deliver important benefits for the local community and NSW.

The Maxwell Project will create 350 new jobs for the region. These new jobs will deliver a much needed, boost, to the local economy. Furthermore, the project will also generate \$1 billion to \$1.25 billion for the NSW State Government and local Councils. This money can be used to upgrade regional hospitals, schools or infrastructure. Projects like this help ensure our ongoing prosperity and can support the economy for years to come.

This project will boost the local economy and help local business owners. It will support a wide range of local businesses throughout the construction phase and operation of the mine over 26 years. Long term projects, like this one, will mean local businesses can make more investments, grow their operations, hire more people and keep workers in the region.

I am confident the experienced team at Malabar will ensure this project is developed responsibly, taking into consideration all the various stakeholder needs. The benefits of which will make a substantial long-term difference to communities in the Upper Hunter and NSW as a whole over more than 26 years.

I believe the Maxwell Underground Project will help our economy and local communities prosper for decades to come.

Regards

Simon Bird CA FCPA FAICD

