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NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

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Re : Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD – 9526

Dear Sirs,

I am a retired viticulturist and winemaker from the Upper Hunter.

I am writing to you about Malabar Coal's proposed underground mine.

I understand that the EIS is on exhibition at present. This is an important project for the local community which I hope will proceed soon.

I developed and operated two vineyards and wineries in the Upper Hunter over a period of 40 years under the Cruickshank Callatoota Estate brand. I lived in the Upper Hunter and was actively involved in the wine industry and the community for 50 years.

The success of the Upper Hunter region is due to the variety of industries established there. This includes coal mines, vineyards and horse studs all of which can work together to create prosperity for the whole community.

I sold my vineyard to Malabar Coal in 2013 confident that they would take my legacy forward and continue to nurture it. I am sure that this was the right decision.

I urge your department to support this project which will benefit everyone in the Upper Hunter.

I would be happy to discuss this with any of your staff. I can be reached on my home phone on 02 6282 4520.

Yours sincerely,

J.H.F. Cruickshank

