

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526**

My name is Matthew Gallego and I am currently employed as a Branch Manager at Berendsen Fluid Power Newcastle. My background before this operational role was commercial finance management, accounting and taxation. My formal qualifications are;

- Bachelor of Commerce and;
- Graduate Diploma in Chartered Accounting (Chartered Accountant)

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

This is a sensible project that has been designed so our community can enjoy a much-needed economic boost without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses.

I support the project because it will deliver important benefits for the local community and NSW.

**Job Creation**

First and foremost, the project will both create new jobs for direct site workers and contractors in a region that deeply requires assistance. The project will also cement jobs for specialist services such as my own employer.

**Economy**

The project will increase feasibility for a whole supply chain of mining services businesses involved in either the exploration phase or operations for the next quarter of a century. Knowing this project exists and has been approved, will only encourage businesses to invest in new technology, new equipment and encourage training of young apprentices or trainees.

**Local Community Involvement**

Malabar has provided funding to local community groups over the last six years in a variety of ways. Ensuring their involvement in the region will only increase this funding over the next two decades.

Above are the three major reasons I support the project proposal. I believe an approval of such a project will provide assurance to local mining services businesses to continue on their paths of growth.

These benefits will make a substantial long-term difference to the communities in the region. Our communities throughout NSW require diverse economy and this project can go a long way to ensuring the region's long term success for many years to come.

**Regards,**



**Matthew Gallego**