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I write in support of the proposed extension to the Wilpinjong Mine.

Minnamurra Pastoral Company has farmed and grazed cattle in the Wollar district for over 40 years. During this time the Mudgee region has developed extensively for the better, first through viticulture in the eighties, and then in later years, from mining.

Mining in particular has transformed the region; by providing employment opportunities and expanding the population, by supporting local businesses in the towns, and by improving infrastructure funded indirectly from their taxes, rates, etc, as well as the direct contributions they make to the local community.

The proposed extension to the Wilpinjong mine will not materially change the mode or scale of their operation as it has been operating for the last 10 years and will extend the life of the mine, and so the benefits that flow from it, for a further 7 years.

The operation of the mine to date has not affected the operation of our business, nor caused any concerns about noise, dust, pollution, etc as we go about our day to day activities.

We lease extensive buffer zone land from Wilpinjong mine and have always found the company responsive to our needs and diligent in their obligations in regards to the environment and their impact on local residents.

Yours faithfully,

David Reid
Director
Minnamurra Pastoral Company