

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Executive Director – Resource Assessments and Business Systems
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Wilpinjong Extension Project (Application Number: SSD 6764)

I write this submission in strong support of the Wilpinjong Extension Project.

As the Managing Director of a company that provides over 1200 workers nationwide to the resource industry, I can see how the Wilpinjong Extension Project is critical to the local NSW communities and economy by making significant financial contributions to NSW via state royalties and to the Mid-Western Regional Council via voluntary planning agreements. Wilpinjong Mine also supports many local non-government and community organisations.

This project would extend the life of the mine – and thus the above benefits – to 2033. The mine's continued production of up to 16 million tonnes per annum of run-of-mine (ROM) coal, and production of approximately 13 million tonnes per annum of product coal, will also keep approximately 625 people employed at peak.

My company, One Key Resources, is a member of the local business community with established offices in Mudgee & Singleton, where we currently service Wilpinjong Mine – further contributing to the local economy. As an employer of resource industry workers, I believe it is important that the families working within this critical industry receive a fair go, and have the project be assessed on its merits using facts and evidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Grant Wechsel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grant Wechsel
Managing Director
One Key Resources