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To Whom It May Concern;

We would like to submit this letter in support of the proposed development by Australian Pacific Coal (APC).

We are the current licensees of the land owned by the APC known as "Garoka Dairy".

We initially started with the previous owners almost 19 years ago with approximately 150 acres, operating a small herringbone dairy. As more land became available, we were able to add to our initial holdings to bring it to our current holding of approximately 5500 acres.

This land is currently supporting a 550 cow dairy, replacement stock and also 300 cow and calf beef operation.

Whilst the mine is not currently in operation, we have previously had the dairy in operation whilst they have been mining. During that period, we did not encounter any issues with milk quality, or any other issues regarding animal health or welfare, pasture growth or pasture quality as a result of the mining operation.

We would also like to make mention of our current owners APC. The management have always gone out of their way to keep us informed of any plans or proposed developments, and have asked if there may be any potential impact upon our dairy or farm operations in any way.

The commitment APC has shown has been more than just words. A huge financial commitment was recently made by them in the way of a brand new dairy, milk vat and milking equipment, with the potential to add new technology as needed. We have also negotiated a new ten year lease in our absolute belief that mining and farming has co-existed in the past and will be able to continue well in the future.

We would like to offer ourselves to be contacted if you would like any further information about this letter on the below listed contact information.

Yours sincerely,

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