

Planning Services, Department of Planning & Environment,  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY, NSW 2001  
Attention: Director – Resource Assessments

Re: Drayton Coal Mine - Drayton South Coal Project (Application SSD 6875)

I write this submission in strong support of the Drayton South Coal Project.

As the Managing Director of a company that provides over 600 workers nationwide to the resource industry, I can see how the Drayton South Project is critical to not only the local community and economy, but also how the benefits of the project extend to the state and national economies by injecting \$60 million in state royalties and taxes to the government annually. These funds will undoubtedly help build infrastructure such as roads, hospitals and schools needed for the future.

Drayton supports local schools, sporting teams and many important local charities and community services. If this project is not approved, these community organizations and clubs will suffer from the loss of the needed support

Further to these important benefits to the community; this Project will employ 500 workers and will also provide work for 140 local businesses with \$50 million a year in local procurement.

The new plan for the Project has addressed all of the concerns Planning Assessment Commission's previous concerns. As stated in the Project's Executive Summary of the EIS, the revised Drayton South plan doubles the buffer distance to protect the horse studs from the impacts of mining. Moving the mine behind the Planning Assessment Commission's nominated ridgeline, ensures that the mine will not be visible from the operating areas of the neighbouring horse studs and noise will remain within the current backend levels, with no discernible change in air quality.

The equine health assessment is endorsed by specialists in equine medicine. The changes to the Drayton South project will mean there are no adverse impacts on the horse studs, ensuring that the mine can continue to successfully coexist with other local industries.

As an employer of resource industry workers, I believe it is important that the families working within this critical industry receive a fair go, with the project assessed on its merits using facts and evidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Wechsel".

Grant Wechsel  
Managing Director