I am writing this as a personal submission to ensure that Mandalong mine has a future for myself and family now and into the next 20 years of the mine's life:

Points that I will raise are as follows:

• Mandalong has an existing workforce of over 300 and this Project will continue that employment until 2035.

• Mandalong has a good track record of extracting coal under the Mandalong valley with minimal impacts to the people that live there or to the water resources or to the ecology of the area.

• The proposed mine plan is designed to minimise the environmental impacts to levels similar to the existing Mandalong Mine.

• Mandalong Mine plays a big part in supplying coal for local electricity generation to keep the lights on in NSW.

• Mandalong support the local sporting and community groups.

• Mandalong supports a very large support industry, from local small contractors to large manufacturing companies.

I fully support the Mandalong Southern Extension project.