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SSD5144, Mandalong Southern Extension Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Graduate Electrical Engineer at Mandalong Mine and I believe the mine is highly beneficial for the community, both financially and socially.

The Mandalong Southern Extension Project proposes to continue underground mining operations until 2035, which I passionately support. This will enable continued employment for over 300 people who actively participate in the community both at a social level within local sporting and community groups and at a financial level by spending money at local shops and businesses.

Mandalong Mine has a strong environmental focus and has a good track record at minimising environmental impacts in terms of water resources, the ecology of the area and to residents of the local community. The proposed mine plan is designed to continue to minimise the environmental impacts to that of current levels of the existing Mandalong Mine.

Mandalong Mine supplies a very large quantity of coal to Eraring Power Station (Australia's largest power station), which generates electricity to power households and businesses all over the state.

Mandalong Mine has direct links to numerous businesses throughout the local region, which goods and services are purchased from. This injects money into the local economy, provides additional jobs and overall it enhances the quality of life for people within the local region.

Personally, Mandalong Mine has helped me immensely by developing my career, increasing my skill base, providing me with high levels of job satisfaction and hopefully will continue to do so into the future.

Overall, if this project were not approved there would be a negative effect on the local and extended communities, both financially and socially. Thus, I believe the project should be approved.

Regards,
Matthew Trotter