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Director
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Development Assessment Systems & Approvals
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: SSD5144, Mandalong Southern Extension Project

I am writing in support of the above proposal. I believe the Mandalong Southern Extension should be allowed to proceed for the reasons listed below.

- Coal is an extremely important energy source. Approximately 80% of electricity is generated by coal.
- The mining of coal produces royalties for NSW helping to fund infrastructures and essential services.
- The project will secure existing jobs and create new ones. In total it is estimated that 400 jobs are dependent upon the project.
- Using a simple multiplier of 3, the 400 jobs mentioned above, will have a flow-on effect in the local economy by supporting an estimated 1200 jobs.
- The EIS explains that the mine is proposing to continue the extraction of coal through longwall mining and that the extension has been carefully planned to produce minimum impact to the surface.

As there are no major detrimental issues associated with the project and the economic and energy benefits far outweigh the minor environmental impacts, I support the project and believe it should proceed.

Yours faithfully

Alison Cook