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NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
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**Re: Letter of Support for  
Mandalong Southern Extension Project**

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Dear Sir,

I understand the Mandalong Southern Extension Project (the Project) for the proposed extension of Mandalong Mine underground operation is currently on public exhibition. Accordingly, I wish to submit my support for the project for the following reasons:

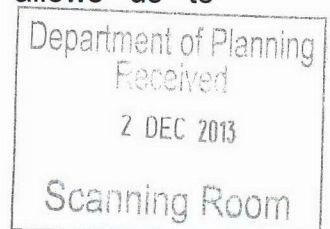
I believe the project will provide significant economic benefit to Newcastle, the Hunter region and NSW by generating local employment and business opportunity during construction of the Terminal and during future operations.

Specifically, as DSI is a key supplier to Mandalong Mine I also believe the project will directly benefit DSI through ongoing demand for our products and services. Without the Project extension our local employment would need to be reviewed in line with the mine closure in 2018.

I believe that Centennial Coal has designed the Project to contain "state of the art" dust, subsidence, and noise mitigation measures, which is supported by appropriate modelling predicting cumulative levels of dust, subsidence and noise and as a result will remain within Government guidelines for health and amenity.

I have a great deal of confidence and trust in Centennial Coal as they have proven to be a responsible developer, operator and active member of the community in Newcastle as history shows. Centennial Coal has been operating and expanding their business in local area for many years contributing greatly to the local economy. The opportunity they provide as a large employer for training and jobs for young people and security for families cannot be understated.

The coal industry has historically made a significant contribution to the economic development of the Hunter, NSW and Australia. Approval of the Mandalong Extension project continues that history and allows us to accommodate future growth in coals resource demand.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek Hird', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Derek Hird  
Chief Executive Officer