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**Bengalla Mine : Bengalla Continuation Project**  
**Application Number: SSD-5170**

I am writing in support of Bengalla Mine proposal to continue mining to the area west of Muswellbrook as an open cut mine.

Daracon Group is a very successful medium size civil engineering organisation based in the Hunter Valley and we have worked on the existing Bengalla Coal Mine project since 1996. Our business objectives of excellence in safety performance and environmental responsibility fit very well with those of Bengalla Mine.

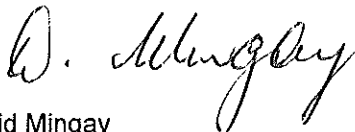
This alignment in values has helped us establish a mutual beneficial business relationship that has resulted in the completion of numerous projects to the highest standards in health, safety and environmental compliance.

Our support for the project is two fold. Firstly there will be direct benefits to Daracon Group in the civil projects generated by the continuation of the mine. But Secondly and more significantly, you can be assured that the continuation will be done with the greatest regard to the environment and especially the community of Muswellbrook. Throughout their current development Bengalla Mine have worked closely with the local community and taken extra steps, such as the installation of monitoring systems, to ensure compliance with the licence conditions.

Your favourable consideration of the proposal by Bengalla Mine would be appreciated.

A completed Political Donations Disclosure Statement is attached.

Yours faithfully



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Managing Director  
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