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NSW Department of Planning and the Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

## SSD 7480 VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT LETTER OF SUPPORT

Stewart Surveys is a long standing local business established in Gunnedah in 1985. We provide Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Environmental and development related services to the region.

Our business has been providing services to Whitehaven Coal since the company was established. Being a local business in a small town we have a diverse range of clients across a number of industries. Without the mining industry, Gunnedah businesses would face a number of challenges particularly in times like now, when there is a drought affecting the agricultural sector.

We feel that the proposed Vickery Expansion Project is essential to the Gunnedah and North West NSW economy. The project will bring 500 full time construction personnel and 450 full time operational staff. The flow on effects for local businesses from this type of development is critical in maintaining and sustaining the town of Gunnedah.

We value our working relationship with Whitehaven Coal, we feel that they strive for environmental excellence in the mining field and aim to deliver sustainable outcomes for our region.

As a local business Stewart Surveys strongly support the Vickery Expansion Project which is currently on public exhibition.

Yours faithfully

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