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Philip Nevill  
Assessing officer  
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Planning and Assessment Division

## **RE: NARRABRI STAGE 3 EXTENSION PROJECT**

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Dear Philip

As principals of Projence Pty Ltd, the undersigned Gavin Heydon and Mitchell Purvis have over 20 years combined experience in civil engineering, project development, infrastructure, and construction experience within the Mining, Rail and Energy Sectors.

We are writing to lodge our support for the Narrabri Stage 3 Extension Project.

We support the Project as we believe it will deliver important benefits to the Narrabri Region and wider NSW, including the continuation of approximately 500 jobs including \$317m in direct local wages until 2044. The extension of the current Narrabri underground coal mine will prolong the life of the mine from 2031 to 2044, extending the millions in spending with local businesses and delivering millions more in royalty payments to the NSW Government.

Long term projects like this one, will mean local businesses can hire more people and keep young people in the region boosting the local economy and helping local business owners.

The Narrabri Stage 3 Extension Project is a sensible and common-sense proposal that can co-exist with other industries with an underground proposal that is designed to minimise impacts on the surrounding environment including threatened species and their habitats, and avoid direct disturbance to cultural heritage sites.

The Narrabri Region needs a diverse economy, and the Stage 3 Extension Project will allow the community to benefit from the existence of several strong local industries co-existing and working together to support jobs, services, and economic growth creating a positive and long-term difference to the community.

Warm regards,

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