

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019

NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment  
GPO Box 39,  
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Support for the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project**  
**SSD No: 8642**

This letter is to express my support for the application made by Glencore for the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project.

I have reviewed their summary booklet online and feel there is no reason why this project should not be approved.

1. Its an extension of an already approved operating facility
2. It has, and will use the existing infrastructure like the CHPP to support continued operations
3. It allows for continued employment opportunities
4. It allows for ongoing community and local business support and contributions

From a person who lives in Muswellbrook and is employed in the local mining sector, I see the enormous benefits projects like this bring to a small town. Muswellbrook is a town that depends on mining and much of the local economy is stimulated by this sector. Like any industry, negatives can, and always will be found, but I feel in this instance Mangoola are doing everything they can to co-exist in the local area.

At the end of the day, we need coal mining operations that produce thermal coal to do all the things we take for granted, like turning on the lights.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and noting my supportive view on this project.

Kind regards,

*L Benson*

Linda Benson