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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is Todd Geddes, I am born and breed Singleton local with a long association with the mining industry in the Hunter Valley.

I am writing to lodge my support for Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project.

This is a sensible project that has been designed so our community can enjoy a much-needed economic boost without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses.

I support the project because it will deliver important benefits for the local community and NSW.

- ONE KEY RESOURCES have a long relationship with the Drayton site and currently employs local people on site at Malabar. One Key Resources is a local company employing local people and the approval of the Maxwell Underground Project will allow One Key Resources to continue employing our existing workforce and offer new employment to locals and attract skilled people to relocate to the local area thus injecting more money into local business and the local economy.
- ECONOMIC BENEFITS: The Maxwell Project will create 350 new jobs for the region. These new jobs and the wages that will flow from them, will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy. Further afield, the project will also generate \$1 billion to \$1.25 billion for the NSW State Government and local Councils. This money can be used to upgrade regional hospitals, schools or infrastructure. Projects like this help ensure our ongoing prosperity and can support the economy for years to come.
- JOB CREATION: The project will mean 350 more skilled jobs for the local community. These jobs will inject around \$55 million in wages into our community – benefiting many other businesses in the area. Malabar has also promised to provide training for local people so the skills to operate an underground mine can be developed within the local area. They have also said they want to prioritise hiring locals to ensure that the benefits of the project stay here in the community.

These benefits will make a substantial long-term difference to the communities in the Upper Hunter and to NSW.

Our community needs a diverse economy and the Maxwell Underground Project can help make sure our economy prospers for decades to come.

Kind Regards,

Todd Geddes
Regional Manager - NSW