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NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. - SSD-9526

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

As the Director of GHT Holdings Pty. Ltd., a construction company that since the 70's has prided itself on developing the Hunter Valley and providing employment for local trades and administrative personnel, I recognise the enormous contribution the proposed Maxwell Mine project can deliver to the Hunter community.

This stretches beyond the obvious increase in economic and employment opportunities to the much needed rebooting of community confidence in the future; a confidence currently being sucked from small rural businesses and farms by drought and increasing despair.

The benefits from the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine, will also extend far beyond Muswellbrook and its satellite villages to the larger centres of Tamworth, Cessnock, Maitland and Newcastle; they too will receive *long-term* direct economical flow-on from a project spanning 26 years through construction and operational stages.

The 350 new regional jobs created by this venture will inject roughly \$55 million in wages annually into the pockets of Hunter Valley workers and subsequently into local businesses, creating more local jobs. Add to that the generation of between \$1 billion to \$1.25 billion in royalties to the NSW State Government and Regional Councils and the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine has the potential to impact positively towards funding and upgrades to schools, hospitals, aged services and public transport across the whole of NSW.

The proposal for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine commits to genuine post operational rehabilitation as evidenced by the operators' actions and progress in the rehabilitation of the former Drayton open cut pit. Their investment in a solar farm and grazing land for cattle is proof that their projects provide continued benefits to the local community long after mines ceases to operate.

As a born and bred Hunter Valley resident, whose family business has been dedicated to employing and training locals for over thirty years I want to know that there will be similar opportunities for future generations beyond those our firm can offer... and that is exactly what the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project promises to deliver.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Unicom

Director GHT Holdings Pty. Ltd.
