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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project. SUB-14090273

My name is Gary Mather and I own a local business Pirtek Muswellbrook supporting the mining industry.

I was born in Muswellbrook and come from a family that has lived here for generations so I feel it is important that I have input into the town's future with the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project.

Pirtek Muswellbrook has been associated for over 30 years with mining and its continued growth is important for our business survival.

I am writing to lodge my support for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation 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.

- **ECONOMIC BENEFITS:** The Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project will create more jobs for the region. These 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 billions of dollars 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.
- **LOCAL ECONOMY:** The project will boost our local economy and help local business owners such as ourselves. It will support a wide range of local businesses until 2048.
- Long term projects, like this one, will mean local businesses can make more investments, grow their operations, hire more people and keep workers – especially young people – in the region.

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 Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project can help make sure our economy prospers for decades to come.

Regards

Gary Mather