

Susan Pickersgill
15 Grey Gum Rd,
Denman NSW 2328

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001
Date 2/09/2019

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

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

My name is Susan Pickersgill and I am the Editor of the Denman News, which is the local paper in Denman.

I have been employed at the Denman News for the past thirteen years

I have lived in Denman for twenty-two years and have raised my family here.

I am currently a member of the Spur Hill CCC

My husband has been employed at Glencore Mangoola Coal for the past 10 years.

I have three children who live and work in Denman and surrounds.

My eldest daughter Amy has completed an Environmental Science Degree at UNE in Armidale along with her sister Laura who completed a double degree in Mathematics and Education.

Our son Thomas is currently completing his Electrical Apprenticeship.

All three of our children attended local public schools and have gained employment easily in our small country town, where job security, education and investment make our community strong and vibrant.

The drought in the Upper Hunter has been crippling over the past couple of years, and without the injection of the mining industry, our small town would be on its knees.

The economic benefits of Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project will be immense for Denman and the surrounding towns, and the small and large businesses that will be contracted over the mine life.

The long-term outcome - Jobs for future generations without the impacts of an open cut mine.

I have read Malabar Coals Maxwell Project Environmental Impact Statement and was very impressed with their strong stance on environmental planning.

I am also very interested and excited to hear that Malabar are investing in a Solar farm on their rehabilitated land. If approved, this could provide additional power directly to the grid, or help to power local businesses and homes.

This is a great indicator of forward thinking and planning, and shows that the company is open to different ideas that can benefit our community.

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

I support the project because it will deliver important benefits for the local community and NSW. These benefits will make a substantial long-term difference to the communities in the Upper Hunter.

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

Regards,

Susan Pickersgill