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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is Jean du Plessis and I am a Project Manager at ROXON Australia. ROXON Australia is an OEM who specialises in bulk materials handling solutions within the mining industry, focusing heavily on the NSW region.

I am writing this letter to show my support for the Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project. The Project will produce high quality coals, of which at least 75% could be used in the making of steel and the balance is suitable for thermal coal exports, for a period of approximately 26 years.

The economic gains that will be generated by the Project will be advantageous and reinforce the Muswellbrook community's self-respect.

I believe the Project needs to go ahead to ensure that the following benefits are capitalised upon.

1. Job Opportunities

If the Project proceeds it will boost regional jobs within the region through 350 new direct, long-term positions. The initial construction activities will employ an estimated 90 people on average and could potentially peak at 250 people. Additional contractors will be required for short periods for the life of the Project.

2. Economic Growth

Annual exports of the coal from the Project would on average be roughly \$500 million to \$700 million per annum, with the Economic Assessment expecting the Project to generate \$1 billion for the NSW government and local councils. Socio economic benefits includes the development of the local workforce, upgrades to infrastructure and growth of local and regional businesses to list only a few.

3. Sustainability

Underground mining methods are proposed that significantly reduces environmental impacts, when compared with above ground operations. Malabar has invested heavily in technical and environmental studies to develop an underground mining operation.

Over time all sites will be rehabilitated to safe and sustainable landforms, similar to the surrounding areas through active environmental management. Malabar is also investigating the option of building a 25MW solar farm on already rehabilitated land, which could provide clean energy to the local area.

These benefits will make a positive impact for contractors and OEM's like ROXON to ensure that job security is created through companies staying in business.

Yours faithfully,


Jean du Plessis