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To Whom it May Concern

Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project - SSD-9526

My name is Kim Eglin and I am the Managing Director of KE Solutions Group Pty Ltd, one of the key consulting offices for the underground coal industry. Over the past 20 years, we have been involved in a number of green field sites such as Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project, and fully support the project proceeding.

The NSW coal industry has been subjected to many adverse impacts in recent years and seen a decline in jobs and growth with a number of Mine underground mine closures. The Maxwell Underground Project would see a boost in a number of key economic areas which would greatly benefit the surrounding community and NSW underground coal industry stakeholders in general. Underground coal extraction has less impacts environmentally and to the surrounding industries and other land users.

We see projects such as the Maxwell Underground Project as being vital to maintaining the underground coal industry in NSW as follows:

1. Job creation – It is expected that the Mine operation will generate more than 350 jobs on going once operational with many more jobs being supported by local businesses. The initial establishment and setup of the Project will deliver many more jobs both locally and at the various offices and workshops processing work during this phase.
2. Economic Growth – New underground projects such as Maxwell will deliver considerable revenue and profits to many companies connected to the projects such as KE Solutions Group Pty Ltd, and allow for possible business expansion / growth which will result in job creation in NSW and economic benefits to the wider community.
3. Underground Coal Industry – Since the down turn of the coal industry in 2014 / 2015, there has been a reduction in knowledge, expertise, and youth with many people leaving the industry as a result of an unclear and unsecured future. New projects such as this, has the potential to reverse this trend in the coal industry and attract vitally needed people which will be required to support the industry in future decades while NSW transitions to alternative energy sources.

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.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Eglin'.

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