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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is Matt Frost and I have been a resident of the Hunter Region for the last 20 years.

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

After reading about the proposal for the Maxwell Underground project I am excited about the opportunities it will bring the region.

Aside from the 350 direct jobs the mine will bring to the Muswellbrook area, the project will generate in excess of \$1 billion for the NSW government and local councils, money much needed for investment in hospitals, schools and local infrastructure. Furthermore, indirect benefits will flow to hunter communities and businesses through the increase in economic activity that a project of this size brings and the direct financial support by Malabar in local community groups. That's more jobs for the hunter, and investment in local communities.

Malabar has developed a sensible approach that balances the need for economic growth in the region with protection for existing horse studs and agricultural businesses. An underground mine will minimise the impacts of coal mining on surrounding land users. Malabar have already demonstrated a commitment to mine rehabilitation and I understand previously mined land is now open for cattle grazing and a solar farm is also planned on rehabilitated land. It is encouraging to see the company takes rehabilitation and coexistence seriously.

It is my belief that the benefits of the project will make a substantial long-term difference to the communities in the Upper Hunter and to NSW.

The Upper Hunter needs a diverse economy and the Maxwell Underground Project will contribute to the economic prosperity of the region for decades to come.

Sincerely

Matt Frost



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