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RE: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project – SSD-9526

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sue Jolliffe and I am a Certified Practising Accountant with my own small Public Practice business, who spent the first 8 years of my adult working career in this area and have recently returned permanently after being away for nearly 20 years. I love this place – it is where my soul lives.

Since returning to the area earlier this year and engaging with local community through various Facebook pages and speaking with people when shopping locally, I'm hearing the overwhelming message of how difficult it is to maintain a profitable and functioning business in the current environment. I also hear of many qualified people struggling to find jobs relevant to their skillset, who are forced to look outside of the area and often need to move away, taking their spending power with them.

It can be a vicious and continuing cycle with no fresh injections from outside. And I believe projects like the Maxell Underground Project offer significant and much-needed boosts to the local community, its ability to grow and thrive and sometimes, its ability to even survive.

I wish to lodge my strong support for Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project. The Maxwell Underground Project has been well-thought out and designed such that the community can enjoy that much-needed boost, without it negatively impacting other businesses or land uses.

The project will create 350 new skilled jobs for the community, and the company has promised to both prioritise hiring locals and provide training for local people so their skills can be developed up to the level the project requires. And that's not counting the additional jobs that it will create within support businesses in the community.

It is very much a "win-win" project. Not only will it directly benefit our community, but it has been planned such that it can exist while the nearby horse studs and other land users can continue their operations without being adversely impacted. What more can you ask? Well, I also understand that Malabar Coal are also looking into the possibility of a solar farm on their rehabilitated land. While the world is all for "green" these days, I believe it needs to be a staged process and what Malabar are considering shows they are open to new ideas and moving forward with ways to benefit our community and our world, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,



Sue Jolliffe CPA