

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
NSW Government  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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**Letter of Support – Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project – SSD-9526**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Luke Dyer and I am a chartered professional engineer based in the Newcastle-Hunter region. I am the owner and director of a small professional services firm named *Quantum Engineering and Consulting Group Pty Ltd* ("Quantum"). Our company predominantly provides professional engineering services to industrial and technology-based clients.

The mining industry is a valued client of our business. The construction and ongoing operational requirements of mining operations provide an opportunity for the employment of locally trained Hunter-based skilled resources such as engineers, consultants, and tradespersons. All of Quantum's engineers are based in the Newcastle-Hunter region and obtained their tertiary qualifications from the University of Newcastle. The mining industry is a significant reason we can retain these resources locally.

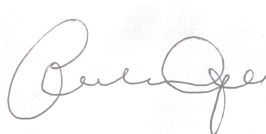
With respect to Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground project, this appears to be a sensible project that has been designed so that the local community can enjoy a much-needed economic boost without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses.

Long term projects such as the Maxwell project provide me with the confidence to grow the Quantum business. As a professional services firm this ultimately leads to the capacity to hire more people and keep these skilled resources in the region.

I hold a genuine belief that the mining industry provides important economic and social benefits to the local communities in which they operate and, more broadly, the citizens of NSW. The Hunter region needs a diverse economy and the Maxwell Underground Project can help make sure that economy prospers for decades to come.

For the reasons above I am writing to the NSW Government to lodge my support for Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luke Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luke Dyer  
Director