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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is Peter Barry and I am current Treasurer and past Secretary of Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Football Club, I have held these positions for more than 10 years. I am 55 years old and have lived in the Denman district all my life. I work at a local power station and I have a rural property where I breed beef cattle and thoroughbred horses.

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

Malabar Coal and the local mining industry in general have played a big part in the growth of Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Club in recent years. We receive great financial support from the local mines and their supporting industry's. Malabar Coal have been our Major Sponsor for the past eight years and they have also supported many other community groups in the Denman District and their support to the community will increase much more if the Maxwell Underground Project is approved. Our club also benefits from the large number of people with young families who come to work in mining and their supporting industries, especially those that move to the Denman area and we already have many volunteers and parents who have children in our club who work in the mining industry. We also have fantastic new fields and amenities at Denman that have been mostly funded from the mining industry.

Mining and mining related jobs provide a massive boost to the local economy that has a flow on affect to all local business. Denman would be a ghost town if not for coal mining, many local farmers are working in mining related jobs to support their farms.

The Maxwell Project will create 350 new jobs for the region and will also generate \$1 billion to \$1.25 billion for the NSW State Government, local Councils and the local community. Malabar has also promised to provide training for local people so the skills to operate an underground mine can be developed within the local area. They have also said they want to prioritise hiring locals to ensure that the benefits of the project stay here in the community.

The project will be underground mining therefore is a common-sense "win-win" for our community. Previous open cut proposals were contentious, but Malabar have listened and developed a sensible project that means our community can benefit from the economic

boost a new mine will provide – while also allowing the horse studs and other land uses to continue their operations.

These benefits will make a substantial long-term difference to the Denman community and 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.

I strongly support the Maxwell Underground Project.

Regards

Peter Barry