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NSW Government: Planning and Environment
320 Pitt St
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To whom it may concern,

SUBJECT: Malabar Coal's Maxwell Project (SSD-9526)

I am writing in support of Malabar Coal's Maxwell Project (SSD-9526), which is currently open for public submissions.

Ampcontrol is a leading Australian manufacturer of electrical and electronic equipment to coal and hard rock mining, infrastructure and renewables sectors.

We have proudly supported the mining industry within the NSW Coal Fields for over 40 years, with operations in the Hunter, Illawarra and Lithgow regions. Throughout this time, we have locally delivered and serviced market leading and competitive power distribution equipment, longwall and development electrical systems, monitoring and control systems and power cable statutory infrastructure.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly outline how approval of Malabar Coal's Maxwell Project will have flow on benefits to suppliers such as us, the NSW mining industry as a whole, and the economy more broadly:

- **Local employment growth opportunity**

Extraction of coal from proposed underground project area will provide ongoing work to around 350 operational staff for 26 years, with an additional 80 personnel during longwall relocations and shutdowns. A further construction workforce peaking at 250 personnel will be required for the initial development of the new mine. Malabar has forecast that the project will contribute between \$110 to \$140 million annually to the commonwealth, NSW and local governments via company tax, coal royalties, pay roll tax, land tax, and council rates. The Minerals Council of Australia highlighted in 2018 that the coal industry directly employed 50,000, and indirectly a further 120,000 jobs supported the industry.

- **Mining method**

The Project proposal outlines the development of an underground using both longwall and 'bord-and-pillar' mining methods. The proposed mining will access approximately 148Mt over the life of the mine averaging 5.7Mt annually. The project will continue to use the existing surface infrastructure, including; CHPP, load out rail loop and site water management infrastructure. This will result in less surface disturbance and in conjunction with the proposed underground mining method will minimise the overall environmental impact for the entire project. The modelled subsidence impact from the proposed underground mine design has shown no subsidence issues to adjacent private land holdings. Malabar has two proposals in for potential subsidence management around Edderton Road using industry standard mitigation practices.

- **Renewable Energy**

Malabar Coal is also in the approval process for the development of a 25MW solar farm within the previously rehabilitated areas of the site, known as the 'Maxwell Solar Project' (SSD-9820). This project would provide a further 25 jobs during construction and produce enough power for 10,000 homes. Pending approval the solar generator is one option for the underground power consumption.

In summary, we confirm our support for the proposed Malabar Coal's Maxwell Project as it represents significant opportunity for growing the regional economy. Through best practice mining techniques and ongoing committing to minimising disturbance on the local community and native flora and fauna within the area, we feel the project owners are making decisions which are in the best interests of the environment, the community and industry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via my Executive Assistant Jennifer Ryan
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nikolai Wyman', followed by a horizontal line.

Nikolai Wyman
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