

## Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123)

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**supports** the proposed Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123).

### Reasons for my support are as follows:

#### Socio-Economic Benefits

- ☒ Secure the future of around **2,000 jobs** across Illawarra Metallurgical Coal's workforce of which more than 90% live locally.
- ☒ South32 contributes more than **A\$1m** a year to support local community groups and organisations.
- ☒ Dendrobium will deliver **A\$280m** in royalties (in real terms) to the NSW government contributing to the development of public infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and transport projects.
- ☐ The Project would allow South32 to continue to support local suppliers and contractors, providing additional security and longevity of employment in the region.

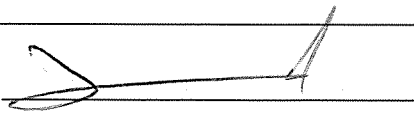
#### Environmental Measures and Outcomes

- ☒ The Project will implement best practice greenhouse gas mitigation measures, estimated to result in a 31% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of gas drainage. This is achieved through best practice gas drainage and flaring, which aims to capture and destroy emission intensive methane, rather than releasing it into the atmosphere.
- ☐ Our revised mine plan reduces our footprint and thereby reduces potential impacts as identified by the NSW Independent Planning Commission.
- ☒ As part of our proposal, we commit to offset any impact on surface water sources to ensure that the Project is a positive contributor on priority water projects to result in a net benefit to Sydney's drinking water supply.

#### Steelmaking in the Illawarra

- ☒ The Project is a fundamental part of the coal for steelmaking supply chain - securing jobs and wages that will grow the communities around our mines including major employers such as BlueScope Steel, NSW Ports and local suppliers.

Other reasons: Support local economy & employment

Signed: 

Date: 31/5/22

- ☒ I have not made a reportable political donation in the previous two years
- ☐ I do not want my personal details made publicly available