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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project. SSD-9526

My name is John Saunders and I am an Insurance Broker born in Newcastle but with extensive experience in Australia and overaseas. I am writing to lodge my support for Malabar Coal's Maxwell Underground Project.

This is a sensible project that has been designed so our community can enjoy a much-needed economic boost without negatively impacting other local industries and land uses. It appears to have overcome the issues that faced the previous owners of the project relative to neighbours. They have demonstrated an ability to work in the interests of the whole community as well as NSW and Australia as a whole.

I support the project because it will deliver important benefits for the local community and NSW. These benefits include Jobs; Economic Benefit for the local community (who need all the support it can get); and the NSW's economy as a whole. As stated above, it has demonstrated its ability to work with the local community, as also evidenced by the financial support it provides.

The Solar Project and the work done to rehabilitate the old Open Cut operation is testament to its credentials and the possibilities for all concerned. These benefits will make a substantial long-term difference to 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.

Regards

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