

PAC Submission

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Ladies and Gentleman, members of the Planning Assessment Commission thank you for the opportunity to address you all today in reference to Peabody Wilpinjong application for extension project R039-16.

I address you today on behalf of One Key Resources and our ongoing support of the approval of the proposed extension application at Wilpinjong mine. One Key Resources is a Labour Hire and workforce management specialist to the Mining, Engineering and Civil industries with offices in Brisbane, Perth, Darwin, Singleton, Mudgee & Singapore, employing over 2000 people nationally.

One Key Resources was awarded sole supply Labour contract for Peabody Energy in November 2014 and started supplying labour to Wilpinjong mine in February 2015. One Key Resources currently employs 51 people on site and we are recruiting to fill another 20 roles as I speak. Since February 2015 we have engaged around 130 people in different roles, some have moved on and others employed directly by Peabody Wilpinjong all bring valuable investment to the local area. To assist in this regard, One Key Resources also currently rents several houses locally to assist people moving to the area become established and further contribute to the community.

One Key Resources employs two local people based in our Mudgee office at the love joy village, we employ 300 people in the local area of which Wilpinjong Mine are a large contributor to our employment numbers. We employ mix of local people and also attract people from outside the Mudgee region. This brings investment to the local economy, from real-estate, local business, shops, service stations, schools, sporting clubs, which in turn leads to more local jobs through growth and re-investment. One Key Resources share the same outlook as Peabody Wilpinjong regarding engagement and investment in the local community, supporting local charities and sporting groups. In fact Wilpinjong have raised/donated thousands of dollars over the last few years.

If this extension project is not approved it will have an adverse effect on employment and investment in the local area. It will affect our business, it will affect other local contractors that rely on Wilpinjong to provide local employment and a stable income to their business.

One Key Resources, our 51 employees and I whole heartedly support the approval of Wilpinjong's application for extension project and strongly encourage the Planning Assessment Commission approve this application to continue the investment, employment and growth opportunities for our business and the local economy.

Thank you