I am writing this submission as the president of the Condobolin Chamber of Commerce. This group supports the Cleanteq mining project because of the potential benefit to commerce in the Local Government Area, especially in the context of recent suffering with drought, and the consequences of this.

Condobolin relies on agriculture for its prosperity more than neighbouring LGAs. As agriculture has become more efficient over the years this has become more efficient and agricultural properties have increased in size, less people are employed in this sector which has meant that a reduction in many services which in term impacts the liveability of the LGA for our local population. The manufacturing industries we have been able to bring to our area over the last few years has stemmed some of the losses in our LGA.

This project has potential to provide a significant economic and population boost to the local area, especially if we can attract 200 full time employees in our area that has been quoted by the mining company, not including the potential for an extra 1200 people in our area during the mine’s construction. This project has potential to help our community and increase confidence in our area’s ability to grow.

Cleanteq have been keeping the communities informed on the progress of this project. Through community consultative meetings they have endeavoured to address concerns of community members have by bringing independent professionals who have knowledge of other projects which are like this one. This information has demonstrated the due diligent in which the company has followed in the process of setting up the mining site.

As president of Condobolin Chamber of Commerce, I can state that its members totally support this project and can only see positives coming for the community.

So as a fourth generation Condobolin resident I can only see that this project will benefit us and urge the panel to give a favourable decision to the CleanTeq project.