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Independent Planning Commission
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RE: VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Vickery Extension Project which is currently being assessed.

Emeco International P/L is an equipment management company operating within the Gunnedah, Narrabri area for over 10 years. We currently employ over 30 people on a full time basis at some of Whitehaven's other mines in the region.

Emeco are committed to the Gunnedah Region, and understand the significant economic and social benefits the Vickery Extension Project would deliver the most noteworthy being;

1. Providing employment for close to 500 construction workers of which the majority will be accommodated locally within the existing camp at Boggabri. This will be a major boost to the locally economy, providing employment diversification and opportunities for young local families to prosper with wages spent supporting local businesses.
2. Long term employment for up to 450 people and the flow on benefits to other parts of the local economy with substantial ongoing operating inputs. Providing excellent opportunities for businesses that supply the industry as well as for the wider business community including real estate agencies, steel fabrication industries, vehicle and equipment sales and repairs, professional consultancy services, financial professionals, hospitality and food service industries and fuel distribution outlets
3. Royalties paid to the NSW Government over the 25 years of the Vickery Extension Projects operation will be invested in essential infrastructure and community services spreading the economic benefits much further than just the Gunnedah and Narrabri regions
4. Whitehaven Coal have demonstrated a commitment to the local community, supporting a broad variety of initiatives and events ranging from community-led environmental initiatives to the installation of community infrastructure, service clubs and charities are also supported. This Project would result in more charitable grants, donations and sponsorships to community groups.
5. The Environmental impact statement for The Vickery Extension Project shows that noise, air quality and visual impacts of the mine are either improved or have not changed from that of the Approved Project

Should you wish to discuss our support of The Vickery Extension Project in further detail please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Kind Regards



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