

Office of the Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000
29/10/2000

By email: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

Re: Maxwell Underground Project - Letter of Support

Dear Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the **Maxwell Underground Project**.

My name is Brett Lewis. I am one of the thousands who live and work in the coal or associated industries within the Hunter region. I have lived in the Hunter region for more than 60 years.

I am writing to register my support for Malabar Resources' Maxwell Underground Project.

I **support** the Maxwell Project primarily because –

After completing a rigorous and thorough assessment of impacts of the project in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and applicable government policy and guidelines, and having regard to the issues raised in submissions, the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (Department) has recommended the project for approval. In the Department's letter to Professor Mary O'Kane (Independent Planning Commission 30/09/2020) they conclude -

"On balance, the Department considers that the impacts of the Project are manageable and that the project is approvable, subject to the recommended conditions"

In particular (as noted and considered by the Department in their assessment and report) specific reasons underpinning my support of the Maxwell Project include –

- The generation of approximately 250 jobs during construction and 350 jobs during operations.
- Training for local people so the skills to operate an underground mine can be developed within the local area.
- It will support local businesses throughout the construction phase and operation of the mine over 26 years.
- Being an underground mining proposal, the Maxwell Project satisfactorily addresses the key concerns that challenged previous opencut proposals submitted by other proponents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "L".

Brett Lewis