

Personal Submission - Gary Brown

In relation to the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project, firstly, I believe the project to be beneficial to the local economy of Muswellbrook, Singleton and the broader hunter community. In addition there is an economic benefit in taxation to the Australian Government. I am aware that Maxwell intends to engage local suppliers at every opportunity during construction and then at operational phase. I am aware that Maxwell has undertaken extensive environmental assessments to ensure the integrity of the local water table with a guarantee that this will not be affected. Additionally measures will be in place to ensure rehabilitation of any kind sits within the required parameters.

Importantly this project will provide careers for local people in the trade, engineering, operational and professional space. I am of the understanding that there is a targeted recruitment campaign in relation to indigineous employment. Local suppliers and manufacturers will benefit from this project in providing goods and services again adding to the economic benefit to the community.

I am aware that every consideration has been given to neighboring properties in relation to possible effects of production. The project owners are committed to compliance at every step legally and from a self imposed position.

I urge you to consider my argument on behalf of this project and find in its favour.

Yours faithfully

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