

Office of the Independent Planning Commission NSW

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Re: Maxwell Underground Project

Dear Commission,

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

My name is Ben Webb.

I am one of the thousands who live and work within the Underground Coal Industry in the Hunter region.

I have lived in the Hunter Region, particularly Singleton for more than 13 years, working in the Underground mines about Singleton and Jerries Plains as a Mining Engineer, particularly in the field of Ventilation for most of this time.

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

As a new Underground Coal project, producing a majority Metallurgical coal product, it will provide good, long term jobs both directly by the mine and indirectly by allied businesses for at least the next 26 years.

The Region and State will benefit from the revenues and associated developments that are expected to flow as a result of the Project. Its approval sort particularly during these current COVID times.

The Metallurgical coal (majority of product) from the mine will be used to make steel and with Thermal coals (Export) producing lower emission Energy for our foreign customers than by their local coals.

The Project team, throughout the rigorous Assessment process by the State, have demonstrated that the proposed Underground Mine can be developed Safely and Sustainably. They have acted on and included into the proposal controls to mitigate concerns raised by adjoining land owners as well as those within the region.

Regarding concerns raised during the process, I firmly believe that matters of concern raised by the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association (HTBA), particularly by a section of the committee namely Coolmore and Godolphin members, have been overstated and believe these have been demonstrated as such during the assessment process. The Members energies would have better been spent instead on addressing Animal welfare issues raised on the ABC 7:30 program "The darkside of the horse racing Industry" shown 17/10/2019 and should be working harder on addressing the negative social impacts of the Horse Racing Gambling Industry.

In conclusion,

I wholly support the approval of this Project

The Assessment Process has demonstrated that the project can developed Safely and Sustainably Benefits being Socially and Economically beneficial particularly to those in the Region and State

This one project over its life is expect to provide 350 New direct jobs plus many more in allied and indirect business, export Income ranging between \$500 to \$700 million each year and approximately \$1 to \$1.5Bn in Royalties to the state.

Sincerely, Ben Webb