

12th February 2021

New South Wales IPCN

Dear sir / madam,

RE: Tahmoor South Coal Project SSD 8445

For 5 generations my family has lived off a coal miners wage. I am a proud coal miner. It is an industry well known to this area and has been and will continue to be a vital pillar of the Australian economy. The revenue generated by this mine to the state, funds critical infrastructure and will continue to do so if approved. Tahmoor Colliery has been producing high grade coking coal vital in the process of steelmaking, to the domestic (Wollongong) and overseas markets for longer than I've been alive and I would like to see this continue. Tahmoor Colliery provides the following benefits:

- Stable employment to 400 mine workers in order to support their families
- Supports over 50 small business in the immediate local area plus many more in Wollongong and greater Sydney supporting hundreds of indirect jobs
- Provides high quality coking coal for domestic steel making as well as overseas markets
- This expansion is supported by and utilises existing mine infrastructure (why waste it)
- Provide revenue for the state and local economy
- Supports local charities/ volunteers groups and sporting clubs via donations and more
- Has employed 38 apprentices in the last 10 years with 36 still working at the mine
- Supported and mentored many graduates stepping into the professional world and forging worthwhile careers
- Provides long term careers and stable prosperous employment for locals

Please consider the approval of Tahmoor South on the benefits and facts brought forward. Tahmoor mine has successfully mined under much of Tahmoor, Picton and Thirlmere. A proven ability to manage the impacts of subsidence is clear despite the fear and propaganda spread by Undermine Bargo Inc (Property Developer). Tahmoor Colliery has been an integral part of this community long before self-serving property developers even thought of developing land in Bargo.

Kind regards
David Waldock