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Re: Maxwell Underground Project

Dear Commission

My name is Michael-Lee Freeman and I am a farm hand for Dalara Pastoral Operations a large farming operation which is focused on backgrounding and fattening beef cattle as well as hay and silage production for both cattle and horse industries on Bureen Rd Bureen. I have lived in the Hunter region for 22 years and treasurer of the Denman Westpac Rescue Helicopter support group aiding in fundraising for such a vital service to our region.

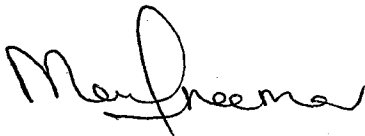
I am writing to register my support for Malabar Resources' Maxwell Underground Project.

I support the Project because I believe that Agriculture and Mining can co-exist in the community along side each other.

- *The Maxwell Project will generate approximately 250 jobs during construction and 350 jobs during operations. Malabar has also promised to provide training for local people so the skills to operate an underground mine can be developed within the local area.*
- *The Maxwell Project will boost our local economy and help local business owners. It will support local businesses throughout the construction phase and operation of the mine over 26 years. Long term projects, like this one, will mean local businesses can hire more people and keep young people in the region.*
- *The Maxwell Project is a sensible and common-sense proposal that can co-exist with other industries. Previous open cuts proposals have failed to listen to local people. Malabar has instead developed an underground proposal that will greatly reduce dust and noise related impacts on nearby properties and the horse studs. These changes will make a significant and positive difference to the local community.*
- *The Maxwell Project will allow our community to benefit from the existence of a number of strong local industries. Our region has a long history of industries co-existing and working together to support jobs, services and economic growth.*
- *Malabar takes mine rehabilitation seriously. The Maxwell Project will mean better rehabilitation outcomes by filling voids at the former Drayton Mine with reject stone and rock.*

These benefits will make a long-term, positive difference to my community.

Regards



Michael-Lee Freeman

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