



Professor Mary O'Kane
Chair
Independent Planning Commission
GPO Box 3415
SYDNEY NSW 2001

25th March, 2019

Dear Prof O'Kane,

Dartbrook Coal Mine – Modification 7 (DA 231-7-2000 MOD 7)

The Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry supports the application from AQC Dartbrook Management Pty Ltd to modify the consent for Dartbrook Coal Mine.

The Chamber welcomes the opportunity to have the mine come out of care & maintenance and deliver direct & indirect economic benefits to local businesses, our 140 members and the wider community.

We note the economic benefits identified in the Economic Impact Assessment prepared by Gillespie Economics in June, 2018 and the DPE Assessment Report of January, 2019. In particular we note –

In the Construction phase –

- \$9.5 million in output;
- \$3.1 million in value-added;
- \$3.1 million in wages; and
- 26 jobs

In the Operational phase, annually –

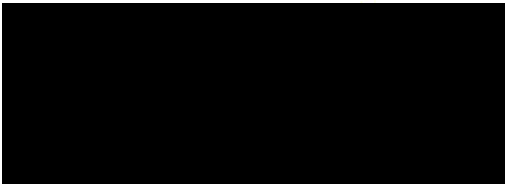
- Up to \$95 million in output;
- Up to \$54 million in value-added;
- \$12 million in wages; and
- 99 jobs.

The Chamber expects these benefits, as well as the Voluntary Planning Agreement contributions to Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shire Councils, will strengthen the local economy and improve community infrastructure.

The Chamber agrees with the DPE advice “that the modification is approvable” and relies on “a strict & fully-updated set of contemporary conditions” to protect the environment and community interests.

The Chamber thanks the Commission for the opportunity to make this submission and would be prepared to present to the IPC hearing in Muswellbrook in April.

Yours sincerely,

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Michael J Kelly
President