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**Submission of Support**

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) Amendment (Significance of Resource) 2015*

Mudgee District Environment Group (MDEG), based in the Mid-Western Region local government area in NSW, is working for the conservation of our natural heritage and a sustainable future for our children.

MDEG strongly supports the proposed amendment to the planning policy for mining and recommends that it be implemented immediately.

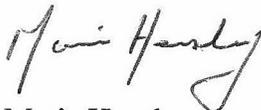
The Mudgee area has had significant growth of the coal mining industry with major cumulative impacts on community and the environment. There is also a proposal for a lead and silver mine in the region.

MDEG supports stronger planning instruments that will adequately protect biodiversity, water sources, communities and prime agricultural land from the cumulative impacts of mining.

The devastating impacts on communities in the Bylong, Wollar, Ulan, Cobbora, Dunedoo and Lue areas of the Mudgee region need to be taken into consideration. Cumulative social and environmental impacts of mining have not been adequately considered when project approval has been granted.

MDEG supports the reinstatement of third party appeal rights for state significant mining developments.

Yours sincerely



Marie Hensley  
Secretary

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