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Considering Local View Points

Since Malabar announced its plan to acquire the Maxwell Project in early 2017, we have hosted community information sessions, consulted local community groups, met regularly with our Community Consultative Committees, engaged directly with representatives of the Aboriginal community, met with stakeholders on site and distributed community newsletters.

This has helped us to gather and carefully consider your feedback as we develop our plans.

The table below outlines what we have heard from important community stakeholders, and the steps we have taken to address your feedback.

What we heard…	How we have addressed this feedback…
Will the Project be visible from the Golden Highway?	• No. We have placed the entry to this underground mine in a natural valley and reduced the height of our infrastructure so that it cannot be seen from the Golden Highway. • Coal processing and train loading will be done at the existing Maxwell Infrastructure 15 km to the north.
Will the Project impact the local horse studs?	• Mining will be entirely underground. • We have carefully located the mine entry and associated infrastructure where it cannot be seen from any properties to the south of the Golden Highway. Also, the mine entry will be about 5km from the nearest neighbour to the south. • By mining underground, we will significantly reduce any dust, light and noise impacts on local properties, and eliminate operational blasting. • There will be no measurable dust, noise or vibration caused by the Project at the local horse studs. • With the exception of a small section of Edderton Road, we will only mine under land we own and there would be no subsidence impacts on other properties. • We believe we can comfortably coexist with our neighbours to the south of the proposed mine.
Will the Project impact properties to the north of the Maxwell Infrastructure?	• The underground mining operation will be over 10km south of the Maxwell Infrastructure site, so noise and dust effects will be generally lower than that of the previous operations on the site. • Coal preparation plant activities and train loading at the Maxwell Infrastructure site will be consistent with the previously approved limits.
Will the Project create more dust? Or Noise? Or Blasting?	• Underground mining methods mean environmental impacts, including dust and noise, are significantly reduced. Underground mining eliminates the need for operational blasting associated with open cut mines. • To further reduce potential dust or noise impacts, we will put a cover on the overland conveyor used to transport coal from the mine entry, to the coal handling and processing plant. The site access road will also be sealed within the first 12 months of the mine's life.
Will there be impacts to local roads?	• To limit Project related traffic movements on the Golden Highway and Edderton Road, Malabar employees will use the existing site access from Thomas Mitchell Drive to access the underground mine. • Edderton Road will remain open for use throughout the Project. Any potential realignment would be designed to improve the safety of the intersection with the Golden Highway and would have minimal impact on travel times.
Will the Project impact local water supplies?	• There are significant quantities of "mine affected" water already stored within the legacy open cut voids at Maxwell Infrastructure. • We will use water treatment systems that maximise the re-use of water on site and remove any requirement to source water externally for mining operations (for example, from the Hunter River). • Our proposed site water management system will avoid the need for release of mine-affected water to the Hunter River.
Will the Project mine underneath my land?	• No, we already own all freehold land required for the mine. There will be no subsidence on our neighbours' lands.