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Re – Australian Industrial Energy Group (AIE) project, Port Kembla site.

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the LNG import terminal at Port Kembla proposed by Australian Industrial Energy Group (AIE). I am writing this letter on behalf of the Illawarra Innovative Industry Network – i3net.

The i3net is a powerful network of industry based companies working from the Illawarra. The network was established to promote the collective capability of Illawarra Industry to local, national and international markets. Industry in the Illawarra continues to be a key foundation of the local economy.

The proposed LNG import terminal project will be a significant investment for the region. The key benefit of the AIE project is lower gas and electricity costs. This will provide the following benefits to the region:

- Increasing the competitiveness of local manufacturing companies
- Retention/increase of local manufacturing jobs
- Attraction of new industrial and manufacturing clients to the region.

There is an overwhelming need for new and substantial gas supplies for the NSW energy market, and any increased gas supply into NSW will likely ease price pressures for industry.

At a local level, Australian Industrial Energy (AIE) have already shown their commitment to the Illawarra region by joining i3net, attending our events and speaking. The openness and approachability of AIE is appreciated and to be commended.

It should also be noted that the project also provides positive industry diversification within the port precinct, and also for those local businesses who could support the terminal throughout its life.

As the premier network of industry based companies working from the Illawarra, i3net fully supports AIE in developing the LNG import terminal at Port Kembla, NSW. i3net is engaged and willing to support this initiative to ensure its success.

We are looking forward to working with AIE to ensure that Illawarra Industry maximises any opportunity to be part of this valuable supply chain.

Yours sincerely,
Illawarra Innovative Industry Network – i3net

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