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Dear Gen,

Moolarben Coal Complex OC3 Extension Project

I refer to Moolarben Coal Operation's (MCO) proposed expansion of the Ulan mine that seeks to extend mining operations.

The mine is located within the Ulan region and is situated on a single line railway. The mine has existing rail loading infrastructure connecting to the Hunter Valley rail network and I understand that the proposed expansion does not alter this connection. The potential increase in rail movements and access requirements for the expansion of the mine has been considered as part of ARTC's annual Hunter Valley Corridor Capacity Strategy. A link to the most recent Hunter Valley Corridor Capacity Strategy can be found at:

<https://www.artc.com.au/projects/hv-strategy/>

ARTC utilises existing mechanisms within the Hunter Valley Access Undertaking to identify, plan and increase network capacity as and when required to meet ongoing contractual requirements. ARTC confirms that these mechanisms, including the associated commercial aspects, can enable sufficient capacity to be established for the expansion of the mine with relevant lead times.

ARTC will continue to work with MCO on its capacity requirements and access arrangements as this project progresses.

Yours sincerely



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