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Newcastle Logistics Precinct – Intertrade Project (SSI-82049456)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Newcastle Logistics Precinct – Intertrade Project (the project).

The Committee strongly supports the project and its timely approval and delivery, subject to implementation of the controls that mitigate or minimise impacts as outlined in the EIS.

In addition to the case for the project and benefits outlined in the EIS documents, we wish to highlight the following points in support of the project:

- **Responds to material supply chain constraints** by almost doubling portside storage capacity for the large clean energy infrastructure components required to deliver NSW Renewable Energy Zones (REZ). The project recognises and leverages the critical role of the Hunter and the Port of Newcastle in NSW's energy transition and through integration with the Port to REZ road upgrades, demonstrates the coordinated program approach needed to secure new energy supply at the scale and speed required.
- **Addresses essential economic needs** by facilitating delivery of new infrastructure required to secure reliable, sustainable energy supply at scale. As home to some of the largest energy users in NSW, this is critical to sustaining the Hunter's heavy industry base and the jobs, supply chains and industrial capabilities that depend on it.
- **Aligned with regional priorities** for the energy transition and economic diversification, including growth in new industrial and export-exposed industries. It strengthens the Port of Newcastle's role as an international gateway and strategic economic asset for NSW. While creating jobs and business opportunities in sectors of competitive advantage including clean energy, port operations and specialised logistics.
- **A fitting and productive reuse of the former BHP Steelworks site.** Returning remediated industrial land to economic use, while protecting the significant heritage of the site, the project connects the Hunter's industrial legacy with its next chapter.
- When properly implemented and monitored, the **measures proposed in the EIS will minimise or mitigate potential impacts** relating to the environment and biodiversity, contamination, noise, traffic, flooding, amenity and heritage. Continued engagement with affected communities, businesses and stakeholders should form part of the project's delivery and operation, building on the strong engagement practices established by other entities and operations across the Port of Newcastle.



The Committee for the Hunter is an independent policy think tank and advocate for the Hunter region. Our membership spans government, industry, business, unions, and the community and social sectors. Our views are informed by evidence, expert advice and consultation with our members and regional stakeholders.

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