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REF: **BlueScope Steel – ASMAP Project (SSD-50268731)**

To: Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

This letter is to support development application **ASMAP Project (SSD-50268731)** by BlueScope Steel in Port Kembla.

Port Kembla Gateway Pty Ltd is a close neighbour to the proposed development, and we have no reservations about fully supporting the development. We are confident from our many years of experience in port operations that there will be no detrimental effects to the local environment from this proposal.

Our support is based on our extensive experience in the materials handling industry. Port Kembla Gateway Pty Ltd operates a shipping terminal, established in 1988, handling over one million tonnes of bulk products exported and imported through Port Kembla annually.

We believe that this proposal will provide better environmental outcomes in steel production with the modern technology employed. The increased steel production will provide valuable earnings locally and for the broader export economy.

We anticipate permanent job creation from this project. Port Kembla suffers from high unemployment, and there are many direct and tangible benefits to the local community if this proposal is approved.

We also expect flow-on benefits to existing heavy industry in the area. BlueScope Steel supports many local businesses through its purchases of materials and services.

BlueScope Steel is located next door to our facility in the Outer Harbour of Port Kembla and we know BlueScope to be a good neighbour. This proposed project will provide growth opportunities to businesses in the port area, multiplying job opportunities and community benefits.

Please contact the undersigned if you wish to discuss this development application and its benefits.

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

Yours faithfully

Doyle Cook
Managing Director
Port Kembla Gateway Pty Ltd