

13th May, 2025

Re: Support for Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project (Modification 5)

To whom it may concern,

Broughton Hire wishes to express our full support for the Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project currently on public exhibition.

As a locally owned plant and equipment hire business servicing the mining and civil sectors in the Hunter Valley, we rely on the continuation of mining projects like Bloomfield to maintain employment, invest in equipment, and operate with business confidence. The impact of this project extends far beyond the mine gate — supporting jobs and income across a wide network of suppliers, trades, and small businesses like ours.

What often gets overlooked in these discussions is the scale of indirect employment. For every one person working directly at the mine, there are easily ten others working off-site who depend on that job — mechanics, fuel suppliers, transport operators, parts distributors, cleaners, and equipment service providers. With electricity prices continuing to rise and the manufacturing industry's in our area in decline, there simply aren't alternative industries in this region to absorb those jobs. The flow-on effect of halting this project would be felt across dozens of families and businesses.

The ability to plan for ongoing work allows us to support our team, retain skilled operators, and provide services that directly benefit the regional economy. If projects like this are not allowed to continue, the ripple effect on local businesses and livelihoods will be significant.

We respectfully ask that the Department approve the continuation of the Bloomfield Colliery so that businesses like Broughton Hire can continue to operate, employ locals, and contribute to the strength of the region.

Yours sincerely,



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