

20th May 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support for Proposed Modification - Bloomfield Colliery Life Extension

On behalf of Palaris, I write in support of the proposed modification to extend the life of the Bloomfield Colliery to the 31st of December 2035. This extension delivers clear economic, social, and community benefits that warrant approval.

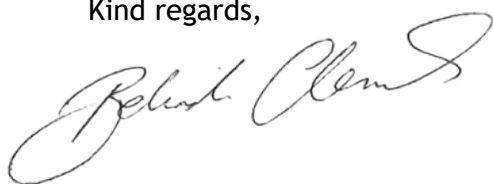
The ongoing operation of the colliery will directly sustain hundreds of local jobs and provide stable employment for families across the region. It also underpins indirect employment across a network of contractors, consultants, and supply-chain businesses - many of them small and medium-sized enterprises embedded in the local economy. In regional NSW, where employment options can be limited, continued mining operations offer vital economic stability.

Beyond employment, The Bloomfield Group Foundation has invested in community programs across the Hunter Valley since 2006, with a strong focus on supporting vulnerable groups and health initiatives. Continued operations will enable the company to maintain - and potentially expand - its contributions to local education, sport, health, and welfare initiatives.

Crucially, this project allows workers to remain based in the Singleton area, avoiding the social impacts of fly-in fly-out (FIFO) arrangements and helping to keep families and communities connected.

Mining holds enduring value at both a community and national level. As Australia progresses toward decarbonisation, it is imperative to recognise that mining underpins this transition - providing essential minerals for renewable technologies - and should be viewed as an integral component of a sustainable future.

Kind regards,



Belinda Clements

Chief Executive Officer

Newcastle	Brisbane	Perth	Wollongong	Palaris Europe	Palaris Canada
Palaris Australia Ltd PO Box 1206, Newcastle NSW 2300 1/384 Hunter St, Newcastle NSW 2300 Australia P: +61 2 4927 5511 F: +61 2 4927 5522	Palaris Australia Ltd PO Box 1206, Newcastle NSW 2300 Ground Floor, 500 Queen St, Brisbane QLD 4000 Australia P: +61 2 4927 5511 F: +61 2 4927 5522	Palaris Australia Ltd PO Box 1206, Newcastle NSW 2300 Level 1, Suite 1, 47 Havelock St, West Perth WA 6005 Australia P: +61 8 6277 8820 F: +61 2 4927 5522	Palaris Australia Ltd PO Box 1206, Newcastle NSW 2300 Suite 8, 8-10 Victoria St Wollongong NSW 2500 Australia P: +61 2 4927 5511 F: +61 2 4927 5522	Palaris Europe Ltd Audley House 13 Palace Street London SW1E 5HX United Kingdom P: +44 20 3322 5261	Palaris Canada Inc. Suite 300, 2800 Skymark Ave, Mississauga Ontario L4W 5A6 Canada P: +61 2 4927 5511 F: +61 2 4927 5522