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NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
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Subject: Letter of Support – Wilpinjong Coal Mine Pit 8 Extension Modification

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) welcomes the opportunity to provide this letter of support for Peabody's proposed Wilpinjong Pit 8 Extension Modification, which seeks approval from the NSW Government to enable continued operations through to 2033.

Wilpinjong is one of Australia's most productive and lowest-emitting coal mines, and this modification represents an important step in maintaining that contribution. Approval will help secure more than 700 ongoing jobs and sustain over \$400 million in annual expenditure with local and regional suppliers, underpinning economic stability for the Mid-Western Region and broader New South Wales.

Mining remains the backbone of the regional economy, generating over \$6 billion in annual economic output, a figure that far exceeds the combined contribution of the next nine industries in the region. The proposed modification involves an extension to an existing pit, allowing an additional 14 million tonnes of coal to be mined, with no change to annual production rates or the overall mine life. By enabling Wilpinjong to continue operating, the significant flow-on benefits to the state will be preserved, including millions injected into the NSW economy and paid wages.

As a valued partner of NCIG, Peabody's continued success at Wilpinjong supports not only regional jobs and investment but also the ongoing efficiency and reliability of coal export supply chains through the Port of Newcastle. We therefore strongly support the proposed Wilpinjong Pit 8 Extension Modification and the continued operation of this important asset for New South Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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