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Mr Chris Ritchie
Director of Industry Assessments
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Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
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Re: Proposed Kurri Kurri Battery Recycling Facility (SSD 7520)

Dear Mr Ritchie,

I refer to the proposal by Pymore Recyclers International Pty Limited to construct and operate a 60,000 tpa used lead-acid battery recycling facility on Mitchell Avenue, Kurri Kurri, and the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), currently Exhibited by the Department (SSD 7520). On the behalf of Weston Aluminium Pty Limited, I wish to provide support for the proposed development.

It is well-recognised that the Cessnock LGA (and Kurri Kurri in particular) has been greatly impacted by the recent closure of the Hydro Aluminium smelter and the ongoing contraction in the mining sector. The attraction and retention of employment and opportunities is therefore vital for the region's growth and sustainability. This Project represents a much-needed investment in the local and regional economy. There is no project that would employ up to 60 new full-time equivalent positions projected for the region now or in the foreseeable future. With the project also supporting local and regional contractor activity, it is a timely and well-needed boost for local industry.

Following our review, we consider that the environmental and human health management and mitigation measure commitments described within the EIS demonstrate Pymore's state of the art technologies, and reflect their status as a worldwide market leader in their field.

We look forward to the addition of Pymore's operations within the Hunter Industrial Ecology Park.

Yours sincerely,

Weston Aluminium Pty Ltd

Christopher McClung
Plant Manager