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Department of Planning and Environment  
Wollongong Regional Office  
Level 2, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong NSW 2520

By internet portal: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>

Dear Sir or Madam

**Pacific National Submission to the Department of Planning and Environment regarding the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project**

Pacific National welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Department of Planning and Environment in relation to the Dendrobium Mine Extension.

Pacific National is the largest freight rail operator in Australia and conducts freight rail coal operations in the Wollongong region.

As you are aware South32 is seeking approval for the Dendrobium Mine Extension and it has now reached a significant stage in the approvals process, and this submission is being provided to assist the Department of Planning and Environment in its exhibition process.

Pacific National is a strong supporter of Dendrobium Mine Extension Project being approved. Pacific National believes that the Dendrobium mine extension and its associated support services (including freight rail operations) will provide increased economic benefits to the region, the state of NSW and the nation.

The benefits which the project will provide to the local region and the state include:

- ongoing employment of the current workforce and the creation of 200 construction jobs;
- ongoing and essential supply to Pork Kembla Steelworks and other customers;
- financial contributions to NSW via royalties;
- broader positive impact on the local area by locating the workforce in the region and by seeking to utilise local businesses, services and contractors; and
- ongoing capital investment in the region and the state.

Pacific National understands that independent economic modelling has demonstrated the Dendrobium Mine Extension will provide benefits of

- \$714 million in royalties, taxes and rates

The Dendrobium Mine will also benefit coal supply chains in the Greater Wollongong Region as the increased volumes arising from the project will benefit steelmakers, freight train operators, freight rail track providers and port operators.

Pacific National believes that the benefits of the Dendrobium Mine Extension as outlined above provide a compelling rationale for this project being approved by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Please contact Perry Heo, Key Account Manager – Coal, at Pacific National on 0499 399 044 or [Perry\\_Heo@pacificnational.com.au](mailto:Perry_Heo@pacificnational.com.au) to discuss this submission.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Lynch'.

Brett Lynch  
President Coal  
Pacific National