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Director,

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Port Waratah Coal Services

Terminal 4 Application No 10 0215

Department of Planning & Infrastructure,

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Dear Sir,

I am a concerned farmer & resident of the Upper Hunter - Singleton Shire Council area, my family has been landowners farming in the Singleton Shire for about 170 years. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns in this submission against the Port Waratah Coal Services Terminal No. 4 Application 10 0215.

My major concerns are;

1. The Upper Hunter rural community and the environment cannot support or survive an increase in the coal production of this scale.
2. The Upper Hunter Strategic Regional Land Use Policy (SRLUP) predicted that export demand through Newcastle would stabilize at about 216mtpa by 2015 which is close to current approved capacity – an additional 120 mtpa capacity is not justified.
3. The Hunter cannot afford to lose any more valuable agricultural land, precious Aquifers or biodiversity.
4. If the SRLUP for the Upper Hunter and the New England North West are to be effective in preventing land use conflict, this large proposed expansion will not occur.

5. The proposal will require an extra 41 trains a day through the Hunter Valley Coal Chain .the combined impact of noise and dust through the major towns and suburbs along the line needs to be addressed, also the danger at level road crossing are increasing.
6. The proposal will further destroy critical habitat for migratory birds and threatened species in the Hunter estuary.
7. The proposal and expanded coal mines needed to supply it will put additional pressure on the health of the Hunter River System, the health of the Hunter people and the future viability of the Hunter Valley.

The Hunter Valley and its communities have had enough. ENOUGH is ENOUGH.

Yours sincerely,

Ian H Moore.