

11 November 2013

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

Re: Letter of Support for PWCS' Proposed Terminal 4 Project

HunterNet is widely recognised within Australian manufacturing and academia as the most successful industry 'cluster' of its type nationally. Incorporated in 1992, HunterNet is a network of small and medium-sized manufacturing, engineering and consulting companies located in the Hunter and Central Coast Regions of NSW. Formed as a non-trading, not for profit Co-Operative, it involves over 200 companies, active in national and international markets in defence, power generation, mineral processing, transportation and major resource projects. Through its membership, HunterNet represents over 50,000 employees. Given such a broad base of representation, HunterNet is committed to the principles of ecological sustainable development.

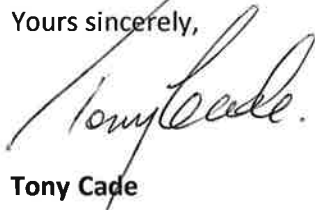
I understand PWCS' Preferred Project Report (PPR) for the proposed Terminal 4 (T4) is currently on public exhibition. Accordingly, I wish to submit HunterNet's support for the project for the following reasons:

- The project will provide significant economic benefit to Newcastle, the Hunter region and NSW by generating local employment and business opportunities during construction of the Terminal and derived from the terminals future operations.
- HunterNet supports the principle of generating a "net surplus of benefits". In this regard, PWCS has delivered a significant biodiversity offset package (approximately 850 ha) with land secured at Tomago, Ellalong and Brundee, as well as investing in captive breeding and research programs for the Green and Golden Bell Frog.
- After reviewing the PPR, HunterNet is confident that PWCS has designed T4 to contain "state of the art" dust and noise mitigation measures, which is supported by appropriate modelling predicting cumulative levels of dust and noise as a result of T4 to remain within Government guidelines for health and amenity.

- Construction of the T4 terminal provides a significant opportunity for the private sector to fund the capping and containment of contaminants within the proposed T4 site. Without private sector funding such as that from PWCS' T4 project, the accountability for capping and containment of contaminants rests with the NSW State Government.
- HunterNet has a great deal of confidence and trust in PWCS as they have proven to be a responsible developer, operator and active member of the community in Newcastle as history shows. PWCS has been operating and expanding their business in Newcastle for over 30 years contributing greatly to the local economy. The opportunity they provide as a large employer for training and jobs for young people and security for families cannot be understated.
- The coal industry has historically made a significant contribution to the economic development of the Hunter, NSW and Australia. Approval of the T4 project continues that history and allows us to accommodate future growth in coal export from Newcastle according to resource demand.

In closing, I would like to emphasise the need for some balance to be introduced in to the current debate focused on the Terminal 4 Project. In this regard, HunterNet believes that the issues/views of objectors has been taken seriously by the proponent. As such, it is HunterNet's position that the project will indeed result in a net surplus of benefits to the Region

Yours sincerely,



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