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RE: PORT WARATAH COAL SERVICES TERMINAL 4 PREFERRED PROJECT REPORT

Dear Ms Mitchell

Thank you for your letter dated 9 September 2013 advising Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC) of the Exhibition of the Preferred Project Report for the Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) Terminal 4 (T4) project. NPC supports the T4 project, which it regards as important infrastructure for the future growth of the Port of Newcastle, the Hunter Region and New South Wales.

NPC's purpose is to provide safe, effective and sustainable port operations and to deliver efficient port development that enhances the economic growth of the Hunter Region and New South Wales. The Port of Newcastle is Australia's oldest commercial port and the world's largest coal export ports. Since the first coal export in 1799, coal has been a major contributor to the economies of the Hunter Region and New South Wales.

The coal industry continues to be an economic driver and a major employer in the region and the state. In 2012-13 the Port of Newcastle exported 142.6 million tonnes of coal, valued at almost \$15.25 billion. This was a 17% increase on 2011-12 coal exports and was the third consecutive year of double digit coal export growth in the port.

The proposed T4 site includes land owned by NPC, and is located within the Port of Newcastle's Kooragang Precinct. This land, and other industrial land within the Port of

Newcastle, was deemed state-significant in the 2009 Three Ports Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005. An aim of this policy is to develop regional sites of economic significance.

T4 is a crucial piece of the infrastructure that will be required to service the predicted growth in coal exports, and to provide long-term vessel loading capacity for the Hunter Region's coal industry. T4 is also required by PWCS to fulfil its obligations under the Hunter Coal Export Framework.

The port, its users and the wider Hunter Region will benefit from the significant economic investment that T4 will deliver during construction, and in the operation of the terminal.

Yours sincerely



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