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NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir,

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

Bloomfield Collieries Pty. Limited is a privately owned coal company with 2 mining operations located within the Hunter Valley currently producing approximately 2 million tonnes of premium thermal and semi-soft coking coal per year. The company has been mining coal at its existing operations for more than 75 years and directly employs more than 500 Hunter residents within its businesses as well as supporting many more contractors and consultants.

In the period prior to the implementation of the Greiner/Tripodi recommendations producers had no certainty on their access to terminal and track infrastructure and as a result Bloomfield suffered significantly with its ongoing viability under threat.

The current process requiring a firm commitment by both a producer and the infrastructure providers regarding capacity growth, provides the necessary environment for both parties to commit to the large capital investments required.

Having timely, assured and sufficient infrastructure capacity is fundamental to maintaining stability, confidence and growth in the coal industry and the broader region. The T4 project is a natural and effective terminal solution for an expanding Hunter coal production profile. I understand PWCS' Preferred Project Report (PPR) for the proposed Terminal 4 (T4) is currently on public exhibition. Accordingly, I wish to submit my support for the project for the following reasons:

- The approval of the project would significantly reduce the time required to deliver future coal chain logistical capacity and in doing so, reduce the risk for companies like Bloomfield Collieries.
- I believe the project will provide significant economic benefit to Newcastle, the Hunter region and NSW by generating local employment and business opportunity during construction of the Terminal and during future operations.
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- 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. The committed offset initiatives more than adequately offset the environmental impact on the T4 site as a result of construction of the terminal.
- I believe 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.
- I have 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.

Yours faithfully

Signed:



MANAWANA DIRECTOR / CEO

Date:

18. 11. 2013