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

Dear Sir,

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:

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.

I also believe the project will indirectly benefit DSI as we are a key supply to the coal industry and as such continued investment in this industry will ensure future demand for our products and services.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek Hird', with a stylized, flowing script.

Derek Hird  
Chief Executive Officer