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Department of Planning  
23-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**RE: PROPOSED T4 COAL EXPORT TERMINAL**

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) supports the Port Waratah Coal Services Terminal 4 proposal to construct and operate a coal export terminal on Kooragang Island.

The significant benefit of the coal industry to the economy and social cohesion of the communities of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley has been well established. It is therefore essential that export capacity of the Hunter Valley Coal chain continues to develop in line with industry demand to ensure the industry, and consequently associated communities, continue to enjoy economic and social stability. This requires the ongoing development of infrastructure such as the Port Waratah Coal Services Terminal 4 project.

The proposed location of the Terminal 4 on Kooragang Island further consolidates coal export infrastructure on Kooragang Island. This location is relatively remote from residential dwellings and is in-line with the overall approach of the Port Waratah Coal Services proposal to minimise potential impacts on local communities.

Considerable consultation has been undertaken with Port Waratah Coal Services in relation to the configuration of the Terminal 4 infrastructure. The outcome of this process is that the project is not expected to have any unmanageable impact on the NCIG terminal operations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Yeates', is written in a cursive style.

**Rob Yeates**  
**Chief Executive Officer**