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NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
GPO Box 39  
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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re letter of support for PWCS' proposed Terminal 4 Project**

Rio Tinto Coal Australia is the manager of Coal & Allied, the operator of several coal mines in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales and a shareholder in Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS).

We understand PWCS' Preferred Project Report (PPR) for the proposed Terminal 4 (T4) is currently on public exhibition. Coal & Allied and Rio Tinto Coal Australia wish to submit their support for the project.

We consider that the project is important in providing confidence for current and prospective coal producers that additional export infrastructure will be available to support further development of the Hunter Valley coal industry and its accordant economic benefits to the state of NSW.

We 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.

We 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, particularly through the provision of direct employment and training and in support of local businesses and the Newcastle community.

Yours faithfully



**Chris Salisbury**  
**Managing Director**