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NSW Government Planning and Infrastructure

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Dear Rebecca,

**RE: PREFERRED PROJECT REPORT - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR  
PORT WARATAH COAL SERVICES (PWCS) - TERMINAL 4  
EXTENSION OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Response to Submissions and Preferred Project Report – PWCS –Terminal 4.

ARTC note that the report includes references to ARTC's responsibilities regarding rail noise management (V1, Sections 7.1, 7.2, V4 Section 9.3). The report references suggested reasonable and feasible mitigation measures that ARTC could undertake to reduce rail noise (EA App. L, Table 49) and addresses project related submissions.

As you are aware ARTC manages rail noise along the ARTC corridor in accordance with its Environment Protection Licence and relevant state guidelines. Specifically this includes:

- An objective to progressively reduce noise to 60LAeq(night), 65LAeq(day) and 85dB(A)max (24hr) at 1 metre from the façade of residential properties through the implementation of PRPs;
- Noise type testing for new and substantially modified locomotives coming onto ARTC's NSW rail network;
- PRP 3. Locomotive noise monitoring and liaison with operators to implement feasible and reasonable in relation to poorly performing locomotives;
- Assessments in accordance with the Rail Infrastructure Noise Guideline for rail infrastructure projects; and
- An environment complaints line (Enviroline).

Rail noise is an industry issue that is shared between rail generating premises, rail operators and track managers. It is hoped that the above information provides further context as to how ARTC is contributing to the management of rail noise.

Should you have any further enquiries with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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**Property Manager, Newcastle**

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