

Cooks Hill NSW 2300

24 October, 2013

Dear Minister Hazzard,



I am writing to express my implacable opposition to the 4<sup>th</sup> coal terminal project in Newcastle, that would further degrade our environment, irresponsibly add to global warming and whose economic value is dubious, to say the least.

*Employment claims and economic value are questionable:* with the size of the project reduced, suddenly 80 additional people can be employed; many more coal trains will lumber through many Newcastle suburbs; a significant wetland would *have to be* destroyed; Australia would contribute to climate change ~ and none of these costs is considered in PWCS's economic assessment.

*Air quality* equipment used to monitor air quality along the rail corridors is considered obsolete; an additional 70Mt of coal exported = additional 70,000 trips of 80 coal wagons through Newcastle suburbs; PWCS does not address air quality issues from rail transport returning to the Upper Hunter Valley; PWCS only looks at air quality impacts within a *mere* 20m of the rail corridor, even though 30,000 people live within 500m of the rail corridor, with 16 schools in the vicinity.

The *natural environment* is not merely compromised, but almost eradicated. The Hunter Estuary supports 112 species of water birds, including internationally listed endangered species.

The T4 Project will exterminate 80% of Deep Pond, that supports many migratory species and is a drought refuge. Swan Pond is public land and is part of an extremely successful long-term restoration project.

Community health, environmental and socioeconomic impacts will far outweigh any short term benefits this T4 Project is claimed to be able to deliver.

I do hope you are able to look into this matter and assist the people of Newcastle.  
I look forward to an early reply from you.

Yours faithfully,