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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As the Lord Mayor of The City of Newcastle I am pleased to offer the support of the City to the proposed PWCS Terminal 4 Project being considered for Kooragang Island, Newcastle.

It has been recognised that the involvement of the coal industry in The Hunter Region provided our City with a strong buffer throughout the recent Global Financial Crisis and the support of the Terminal 4 project is essential to ensure the long term economic benefits of the coal industry are maintained well into the future.

The significant benefit to the region delivered through the construction phase of approximately 2900 direct and indirect jobs and an infrastructure investment of \$770 million per annum must be supported to ensure that the City of Newcastle, and the broader Hunter region, continues to be seen as the powerhouse of NSW. As a state of the art facility in terms of mitigating the environmental effects of the operation of Terminal 4 the opportunity to deliver the world best practice must be supported to avoid anything less.

The Port of Newcastle and the facilities associated with the largest export coal export port in the World currently operate under strict Capacity Framework Arrangements which are seen as the most efficient operation of its kind in the world. The support of the development of Terminal 4 will ensure that these arrangements are able to be maintained without threat to the operation of the system which recognises Newcastle as a world leading facility.

Recognising that the development of PWCS Terminal 4 is subject to very strict conditions is a cornerstone of the support being offered to this project as all stakeholders are partners in developing a sustainable facility capable of delivering the necessary output to service the energy needs of the global community. The delivery of this facility will ensure that Newcastle is seen as a City that can deliver for the benefit of the State of New South Wales and the local community.

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