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Dear Mr Phillips

NORTHERN COAL LOGISTICS PROJECT- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibited on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure website in relation to the Northern Coal Logistics -

The project area is located approximately 25 kilometres south-west of Newcastle, in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area. The development comprises both a continuation of existing approved surface operations and an upgrade to the existing coal handling and processing facilities at the Newstan Colliery Surface Site, the Mandalong Mine - Cooranbong Entry Site.

The EIS has been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health with particular attention paid to management of air quality, noise, water and other issues that may impact on public health. Due to the project being an upgrade to existing surface infrastructure, including existing private haul roads and rail loading, Hunter New England Local Health District is satisfied with existing approval conditions. We noted the potential air quality impacts on the NC6 and NC2 receptor sites, it will be important to ensure that the proposed mitigations for these impacts are in place.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Nichole Ansell, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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