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Train Support Facility – Hexham Redevelopment Project (MP 07\_0171)  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Hexham Train Support Facility**

Peabody Energy Australia is pleased to make a submission regarding the proposed Aurizon (formerly QR National) Train Support Facility at Hexham.

Peabody Energy Australia is part of Peabody Energy Corp (NYSE: BTU) - the world's largest private-sector coal company and the only global pure-play coal investment.

Peabody has 11 mining operations in Queensland and New South Wales, as well as active coal trading in all major Australian coal regions through Peabody COALTRADE.

Peabody's operations in Australia service export and domestic markets with a diverse product range of coal through multiple coal ports. Our Australian platform continues to expand to meet rising Asia market demand.

In NSW, our operations include the Wambo open cut and underground mines in the Hunter Valley, Wilpinjong Mine near Mudgee, and Metropolitan Coal, near Wollongong. We hold a significant interest in the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group coal export terminal.

We offer the following comments in support of the proposed facility:

- ARTC is implementing a continuous improvement strategy, which encourages above rail operators to re-establish provisioning facilities away from the port terminals in an effort to relieve congestion. With increased demand being placed upon port-related infrastructure, rail congestion around the coal terminals needs to be addressed and the location of the proposed Train Support Facility away from the port will assist in alleviating this issue. Aurizon is proposing to relocate refuelling, provisioning and maintenance to the Train Support Facility, which will greatly assist in reducing congestion.
- In alleviating terminal related congestion, upstream impacts and delays will be minimized, resulting in lessening in queues of coal vessels off shore and lessening of demurrage costs for producers.
- Peabody Energy supports the proposed location of the project as the site has had a long association with coal and rail transportation.
- Peabody Energy believes the project needs to be delivered in a timely manner to minimise disruption to rail transport and provide benefits to the entire Hunter Valley Coal Chain.

We would be happy to provide more detail if required.

Yours faithfully

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