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The Director
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Development Assessment Systems & Approvals
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39, Sydney, NSW, 2001

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Wallarah 2 Coal Project (SSD-4974)

It is evident from the comprehensive environmental, social and economic studies completed that the Wallarah 2 Coal Project (the project) has, throughout the development of the EIS, been designed and refined to create a financially justifiable project, while meeting the requirements and objectives of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

Specifically, it is noted the Project will;

- avoid, mitigate, or manage all of the environmental, social and health risks of the project, including those of vital importance to the local and regional area;
- provide significant employment opportunities both during construction (up to 450 direct jobs) and operation (up to 300 direct and 500 indirect jobs); and
- have substantial positive impacts for the local, regional, state and national economies.

In consideration of the above, while recognising the project will require substantial and complex management and mitigation measures to address the risks identified, it is clear that the project, if approved, will provide significant benefits to the local communities, businesses, people of NSW and the Australian economy.

Accordingly, I offer my support for the project.

Regards,

