

4 September 2016

Executive Director
Resource Assessments
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: SSD-4974 Wallarah 2 Coal Project - Amended Development Application

I am writing in **support** of the above proposal. I believe that the Wallarah 2 Coal Project should be allowed to proceed for the reasons listed below:

- The amended design reduces impact to the environment and local landholders.
- Coal is an extremely important energy source for electricity generation.
- The mining of coal produces royalties for NSW helping to fund infrastructures and essential services.
- The project will provide for many full-time long-term jobs on the Central Coast.
- In the current economic climate, every job is important. Other support businesses will benefit from the people employed at the mine spending their earnings with local businesses.
- Underground mining can occur with minimal impact and this can be demonstrated across the State.

The only issue that needs proper control will be noise emitted from trains and empty wagons entering the rail spur.

As there are no major detrimental issues associated with the project and the economic and energy benefits far outweigh the minor environmental impacts, I support the project and believe it should proceed.

Yours faithfully

Peter Cook