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## **RE: HUME COAL & BERRIMA RAIL PROJECTS**

To whom it may concern,

Port Kembla Gateway Pty Ltd. (Gateway) would like to express its support for the proposed Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects. Operating in Port Kembla, Gateway has witnessed the decline of the Port Kembla Coal Terminal and local coal mining jobs with the mining downturn. Gateway believes the proposed Projects will provide substantial benefit to both Port Kembla and New South Wales.

Gateway supports the Projects for the economic and community benefits it will provide, including:

- the estimated 400 full-time-equivalent jobs during construction and 300 full-time-equivalent jobs during production;
- the estimated 34 flow-on jobs in local businesses and organisations;
- the estimated 62 flow-on jobs across the State, including supporting employment in the Port Kembla area;
- the estimated net benefit of \$128 million locally and \$368 million for New South Wales; and,
- the royalty payments of over \$100 million.

Additionally, Gateway supports the Berrima Railway Project as it will enable the coal to be transported to Port Kembla via the Moss Vale-Unanderra line, a safer and more environmentally friendly alternative to truck transport.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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