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Dear Brian,

Vickery Extension Project

ARTC has been working with Whitehaven Coal in relation to the proposed alignment and location of the rail spur for the Vickery Extension Project and its connection with ARTC's Hunter Valley rail network over a number of months.

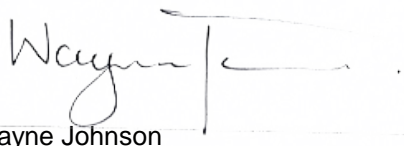
The proposed Vickery coal mine is located within the Gunnedah region and its potential rail movements and access requirements are considered as part of ARTC's annual Hunter Valley Corridor Capacity Strategy.

ARTC utilises existing mechanisms within the Hunter Valley Access Undertaking to identify, plan and increase capacity as and when required to meet contractual requirements ongoing. ARTC confirms that these mechanisms, including the associated commercial aspects, can enable sufficient capacity to be made available for the Vickery Extension Project.

ARTC will continue to work with Whitehaven Coal on its rail spur connection, including the technical details, construction and operational interfaces, as well as access arrangements to the Hunter Valley Rail Network as the project progresses. Members of the Whitehaven leadership team have maintained regular contact regarding the project scope, conceptual options and the aspects relevant to ARTC.

ARTC also understands that Whitehaven takes its commitments and sustainability actions seriously and as such is giving due consideration to air quality and dust, noise, property and amenity impacts.

Yours sincerely



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