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MR JIM BETTS

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Submitted via NSW Government Major Projects online portal and via email to:

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Dear Mr Betts,

LETTER OF SUPPORT – NCIG MOD 3 – CAPACITY INCREASE

Port of Newcastle (PON) refers to Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) Project Approval 06_000-modification application MP06_009-MOD-3 and provides a letter of support for the proposed modification.

NCIG is a model tenant at the Port of Newcastle, demonstrating its commitment to operate its state-of-the-art Kooragang Island facility in a sustainable manner. As world leader in coal cargo handling capabilities, NCIG have a strong focus on environmental management and the safety of its employees.

The proposed NCIG modification is consistent with PON's strategic development plans, which seek to expand the Port's role as a trade gateway for NSW to the world whilst delivering improved environmental and social outcomes.

The modification application demonstrates that, through optimising existing processes and using existing infrastructure, NCIG can increase efficiencies within the coal chain and provide coal customers with greater flexibility. This aligns with the industry supply strategy for mines located in the Upper Hunter.

The modification will assist PON achieve its key objective to increase the efficiency of the supply and improve the service levels to the Port's users, whilst optimising sustainability outcomes.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further please contact PON Environment, Sustainability and Planning Manager, Jackie Spiteri at Jackie.spiteri@portofnewcastle.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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