

Attn: Director, Industry Assessments
NSW Planning, Department of Planning and Environment
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Subject: Letter of Support

BlueScope Blast Furnace 6 Reline Project
Application No SSI-22545215

From

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The IXOM logo is located in the top right corner of the page. It features a stylized, abstract graphic composed of several teal-colored geometric shapes (triangles and polygons) arranged in a circular pattern. To the right of this graphic, the word "IXOM" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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19 April 2022

Dear Director

Please accept this letter on behalf of IXOM in support of BlueScope's Blast Furnace 6 Reline Project.

IXOM is a leading Australian manufacturer and supplier of chlor alkali chemicals, which are a key process input to BlueScope's Port Kembla Steelworks. IXOM has safely manufactured and distributed chemicals, such as Hydrochloric Acid and Sodium Hydroxide, to BlueScope for over 20 years. IXOM also works closely with BlueScope to aid the recycling of its waste products which IXOM uses as a raw material in the manufacture of water treatment chemicals.

The future of steel manufacturing at Port Kembla through projects like BlueScope's proposed Blast Furnace 6 Reline Project is critical to secure the future of IXOM's long-term skilled employees and business viability at our five NSW manufacturing sites, and for IXOM's wider contractor base.

In NSW, IXOM operates a large facility located at Botany, where we manufacture a range of chemicals essential for drinking water disinfection, wastewater treatment and institutional cleaning, as well as operating a groundwater treatment plant on behalf of Orica. Our Botany site operates 24/7. We also operate smaller chemical manufacturing plants at Port Kembla and Wyong. From our Villawood and Kings Park sites, IXOM manufactures and supplies ingredients, flavours and fragrances to the dairy, food and beverage, and pharmaceutical industries for our Bronson & Jacobs and Keith Harris brands.

IXOM has over 100 years' history in chemical manufacturing in Australia, originally as part of ICI, then Orica, before commencing as a standalone company in 2015. Headquartered in Melbourne, IXOM has a national footprint across 17 manufacturing sites (many in regional locations), providing employment for over 400 people in Australia.

IXOM is a proud Australian manufacturing company which strongly supports future investment in crucial projects like BlueScope's Blast Furnace Reline Project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Head', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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