

20 April 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Flagstaff Group would like to make a submission towards the reline of the Bluescope No 6 Blast Furnace Project and support their application.

Bluescope has provided Flagstaff, a disability social enterprise with many opportunities to employ people with a disability through engaging our services in the Illawarra.

With their continued support, we have been able to grow our services thanks to their generosity in using our social enterprises that all provide employment and support for people with a disability.

The Flagstaff Group employs 409 people, 262 with a disability. Of that, some 280 live in the Illawarra. Flagstaff's purpose is to provide life skills and employment for people with a disability in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. Flagstaff is a disability enterprise and NDIS registered provider. We have seven business divisions that employ people with a disability in a variety of jobs from truck drivers to operations.

Bluescope's services will support Flagstaff through:

- Printing of materials, forms, stationery and other items through Flagstaff Print, Mail and Digital
- Glove laundering through Flagstaff Commercial Laundry
- Purchase of tool bags through Flagstaff Shoalhaven
- Pick up paper recycling bin and secure shredding at The Dendrobium Mine through Flagstaff Paper to Paper
- Tagging through Shoalhaven Engineering
- Providing premises for programs at Port Kembla on Flagstaff Road.

All these services provide meaningful and secure employment for people with a disability, in particular people with intellectual disability.

By providing a stable work environment, people with disability (one in five people in Australia) can be part of the community, work in an inclusive environment and contribute

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to their local economy. They can achieve their goals and gain the support and encouragement they need to do so.

The No. 6 Blast Furnace Reline Projects provides economic stimulus to the Illawarra and provides jobs, opportunities and merit to many businesses in the area.

This project will bring economic growth to our retailers, our service industry, real estate and local support to schools and community groups.

Bluescope forms a valuable part of the Illawarra community and by using organisations such as Flagstaff, they support local not for profit organisations continue to afford to provide life skills and employment for people with a disability.

Steel have grown the town, provided stable income, jobs and opportunity to the area to grow and prosper. Bluescope buys local products, vehicles and services. This results a net benefit to the NSW economy.

This country needs local manufacturers. This region needs Bluescope to grow and prosper. After 2020 saw the unemployment rate soar due to a pandemic, it is our best interest to make and keep jobs for the Illawarra.

Yours sincerely



Roy Rogers
Chief Executive Officer

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