

20 April 2022

NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Submission in support of BlueScope's no. 6 Blast Furnace Reline Project

Peabody is a leading international coal producer, committed to providing essential products to fuel baseload electricity for emerging and developed countries and creating the steel needed to build foundational infrastructure worldwide. We own and operate 17 active coal mining operations in the US & Australia serving metallurgical and thermal coal customers in 15 countries.

We write to express our full support for BlueScope's No. 6 Blast Furnace Reline Project given its importance in, not only underpinning the longevity of BlueScope's operations, but also the business of our own Metropolitan Colliery and the future of the Illawarra community. Securing the short-medium term future of steelmaking at Port Kembla plays a critical role in ensuring the ongoing viability of our operation and, in turn, the livelihoods of hundreds of local mining families.

Our Metropolitan Colliery, more commonly known as the Helensburgh Mine, is literally the rock upon which the town of Helensburgh was built. It is officially Australia's oldest, continually operating coal mine employing over 400 local miners, including contractors, and injecting approximately \$60 million in wages and local business opportunities into the regional economy each year.

BlueScope is a cornerstone customer of the Metropolitan Colliery and has been for several decades. Volumes supplied represent a significant proportion of the annual metallurgical coal production from our mine. A local, onshore customer that can technically extract high utilization value from our products, provide smooth offtake and collaborative support delivers value and certainty to ongoing operations that cannot be overstated.

As fellow industrial operators in the proud community of the Illawarra, Peabody commends BlueScope for its ongoing commitment to local manufacturing and the local community and we respectfully request the Department of Planning and Environment gives favourable consideration to the Environmental Impact Statement for its Blast Furnace Reline Project.

Please make contact should you require further information about the strategic links between our own and BlueScope's business and the benefits of this project to the local community and state economy.

Yours Sincerely



Jamie Frankcombe
President – Australian Operations