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Independent Planning Commission NSW
Attention: John Hann, Panel Chair
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Via email: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Hann

**RE: NEWCASTLE COAL INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP (NCIG) SUBMISSION – VICKERY
EXTENSION PROJECT**

The efficient and effective utilisation of coal export capacity is an essential element of the Hunter Valley coal industry. Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) has committed over \$2.5 billion to ensure that the current and future export demands of coal producers in the Hunter Valley and Gunnedah Basin is adequately serviced by the Port of Newcastle. The development of coal resource assets such as the Vickery Extension Project is critical to ensure that the state significant infrastructure established as a part of the coal supply network continues to operate effectively into the future.

NCIG, therefore, supports the recommendation of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 19 May 2020 that the Vickery Extension Project be approved.

The significant benefit of the coal industry to the economy and social cohesion of the communities of Newcastle, the Hunter Valley and the Gunnedah Basin has been well established. It is therefore essential that capacity of the coal supply network continues to develop in line with world demand for coal generated power supply to ensure this industry, and consequently associated communities, continue to enjoy economic and social stability. This requires the ongoing development of infrastructure such as the Vickery Extension Project.

NCIG continues to consult with Whitehaven Coal in relation to logistical matters, such as the export demands of the Vickery Extension Project, to ensure that optimal coal export services are provided at the Port of Newcastle to service the needs of the current and future coal industry of the Gunnedah Basin.

Yours sincerely,



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