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By email
Mr Matthew Schroder
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Dear Mr Schroder,

I write in reference to the email received from Mr. Kristopher Morey dated 12 December 2016, notifying stakeholders that on 9 December 2016, the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) submitted the 2017 Hunter Valley Access Undertaking (HVAU) to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for assessment pursuant to Part IIIA of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010. This follows the 2016 HVAU submitted by ARTC on 23 December 2015 and subsequently withdrawn on 14 June 2016.

Attached with this email was a Consultation Paper prepared by the ACCC, which in part, invited submissions on the 2017 HVAU.

Bloomfield has been an active member of Hunter Rail Access Task Force (HRATF) during the consultation process and subsequent negotiation phase with ARTC for the 2016 Hunter Valley Access Undertaking (HVAU) and now the 2017 Hunter Valley Access Undertaking.

Bloomfield confirms support of the HRATF submission to the ACCC which has been lodged in a letter dated 3 February 2017. We believe this submission represents the views of our Company for the key issues of;

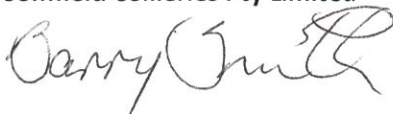
- Rate of Return
- Remaining Mine Life
- Floor and Ceiling Revenue Limits

Bloomfield, as a member of the HRATF is committed to the work being undertaken with ARTC in order to finalise the development of an opex efficiency scheme in keeping with the indicative timeline for 2017 HVAU as outlined in the ACCC Consultation Paper.

Bloomfield has welcomed the opportunity to be part of the consultation process and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to further discuss any matters.

Yours sincerely

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