

Hunter Rail Access Task Force

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Dear Mr Schroder,

DORC valuation of ARTC's Interstate network – ACCC consultation paper

I write on behalf of the Hunter Rail Access Taskforce (**HRATF**) in response to the ACCC's consultation paper regarding revaluation of the Australian Rail Track Corporation (**ARTC**) Interstate network.

The HRATF does not wish to make any comments on any of the substantive matters raised in the consultation paper relating to the Interstate DORC valuation. Individual HRATF members may wish to separately make submissions on these substantive matters.

However we note the comments made by the ACCC on page 3 of the consultation paper relating to the future regulatory framework for the Interstate network. To the extent that any process for consideration of regulatory changes applying to the Interstate network might also affect regulatory arrangements for the Hunter Valley Network, the HRATF would want to participate in this process.

As the ACCC is aware, there are fundamental differences between both networks which need to be reflected in any consideration of future regulatory arrangements. We look forward to participating in any wider consultation around regulatory reform which might impact the Hunter Valley Network.

Please contact me at Frank.Coldwell@glencore.com if you would like to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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