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Stephen Bordignon
Director
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(by email)



Dear Stephen

Public Consultation on ARTC Hunter Valley rail network access undertaking

Thank you for your email (16 September, 2010) outlining the process that the ACCC intends to follow in assessing the ARTC's proposed Hunter Valley rail access undertaking ("HVAU").

As an operator of rail haulage services in the Hunter Valley corridor, QR National Coal is most interested in the scope, provisions, structure and commercial implications of the HVAU.

Whilst understanding the need to achieve a timely resolution, QR National Coal believe that the limited time provided for the public consultation period creates a risk that submissions do not provide the comprehensive input to the process you seek.

With this in mind, QR National Coal recommends that the ACCC consider extending the public consultation period until early November 2010.

We look forward to your early advice in this matter

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Baird", written in a cursive style.

Glenn Baird
National Access Manager
QR National Coal