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The General Manager,  
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From: Michael Thomson

Subject: **Port Waratah Coal Services Ltd authorisations A91033-A91035**

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Scott,

I refer to your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 (your ref: A91033 – A91035) concerning the Port Waratah Coal Services Ltd application for revocation of authorisations (A30236 – A30238) and substitution of authorisations (A91033 – A91035).

Please find attached our submission,

Regards,



Michael Thomson  
General Manager – Corporate Affairs

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Dear Sir

**Re: Authorisation applications lodged by Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS)  
(A91033-A91035)**

We write with reference to your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 (your ref: A91033 – A91035) concerning the Port Waratah Coal Serviced Ltd application for revocation of authorisations (A30236 – A30238) and substitution of authorisations (A91033 – A91035).

We believe that the proposed pro-rata reduction scheme is in the public interest of Australia and the Coal Industry and should be implemented.

Our support for the scheme is premised by the following comments:

- Bloomfield sees the proposed scheme as a short term solution to the problems of vessel queuing & increasing demurrage.
- Bloomfield believes that, although this scheme will create difficulties for our operations, this scheme is the best option when compared to a number of other suggested options.
- Bloomfield only supports the scheme for the 2007 calendar year. Bloomfield does not support the extension of the scheme beyond 2007.

- Bloomfield will work with the rest of the industry participants to work towards developing a solution for 2008 and beyond.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Cant".

William Cant  
Chief Executive Officer