

9 March 2007

General Manager
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
470 Northbourne Ave
Dickson, Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: PWCS application for re-authorisation of the CBS

This letter is provided in response to the ACCC's request for submissions in respect of both interim authorisation and the full authorisation of the Medium Term CBS. The Hunter Valley Coal Chain Logistics Team (HVCCLT) is supportive of the application by PWCS on the following basis:

- The current vessel queue is imposing a very high cost on Australia's coal export industry
- HVCCLT's observation of the previous operation of the CBS was that it acted to limit the level of excessive vessel queuing and thereby significantly reduced the costs associated with large vessel queues
- HVCCLT can see nothing in the proposed CBS that would be likely to reduce or inhibit the ability of the coal chain to maximise coal exports during the year

On this basis we believe there is a significant net benefit to the industry from the re-implementation of the CBS and therefore support the application by PWCS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries in relation to this submission.

Yours sincerely

(by email)

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