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**Cc:** William Cant  
**Subject:** PWCS/NCIG/NPC Application for Authorisation A91147 - A91149 - Comments on request for Interim Authorisation - Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd

Attn Ms Jamie Martin

As requested in the PWCS/NCIG/NPC submission, Bloomfield Collieries wishes to express its support for the granting of an interim authorisation by the ACCC . Bloomfield provides this support because

1. Bloomfield has participated in the process to develop a long term solution and is confident that a long term solution can be finalised in time for a 1 January 2010 start
2. There is a measured but significant change from the status quo. During the transitional phase (1 July- 2009 - 31 December 2009) aspects of the long term solution are proposed to be introduced, including -
  - o Nomination of a Producer's individual load point demands which will assist in coal chain planning (currently only a total is provided)
  - o Quantification and notification of the impact that any change in a Producer' s nominated load point demand mix has on coal chain capacity (currently this is unknown to Producers)
  - o The requirement that a Producer have access to Port, Track and Train capacity before a nomination is accepted by PWCS (currently only Port required)
3. It has become apparent that the transition from the status quo to the long term solution requires the management of considerable change for producers themselves, as well as with their contractual arrangements with service providers. A familiar operating environment in the transitional period up to 1 January 2010 will provide an opportunity for these changes to be effected with out distraction.

Bloomfield is also considering a submission on the substantive application.

Sincerely

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