

Mr David Hatfield
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Dear Mr Hatfield

Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator (HVCCC) application for authorisation AA1000658 – interested party consultation

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) operates and provides below rail (track) access to the Hunter Valley coal network which is a critical link between the coal mines in the Hunter Valley, Gunnedah Basin and Ulan region to the coal export terminals in the Port of Newcastle. ARTC is also a member of the HVCCC.

The Hunter Valley Coal Chain is a shared, interconnected supply chain with multiple asset owners and users. Central planning and coordination between participants enable the various components to be viewed and optimised as a 'system' to achieve industry outcomes which would not be realised if the individual components were planned in isolation.

ARTC supports the application by HVCCC, and the public benefits outlined in the application.

Yours sincerely



Clinton Crump

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