

31<sup>st</sup> May 2012

Mr Carl Dumpleton  
Mining and Industry Projects  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
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SYDNEY 2001

Dear Sir,

**RE: Major Project MP 10\_0178 - Cullen Valley and Invincible Coal Mines, Lithgow**

This letter is written in support of the expansion of mining operations at the Cullen Valley and Invincible coal mines and the establishment of a new quarry and associated infrastructure.

Siteplus is a company offering expertise in planning, engineering and landscape architecture. We have recently been working for Port Kembla Port Corporation (PKPC) on various components of the delivery of the Outer Harbour in Port Kembla.

The Outer Harbour reclamation project was given approval via MP 08\_0249 and when it is finalised will deliver approximately 42ha of port side land and seven (7) berths. The construction of the Outer Harbour infrastructure represents a significant investment and commitment to the development of the Illawarra Region and other areas having access to the port.

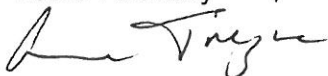
It is our understanding that Coalpac has been pursuing exporting product through the Outer Harbour and that this product would be delivered by rail. This proposal represents significant opportunities for the Illawarra.

Whilst it is recognised that the Cullen Valley and Invincible mine projects are required to comply with relevant legislative requirements, we believe that the project should also be viewed in the context of the broader NSW economy. This proposal has major economic benefits for both the local community at the mine's locality and also has a major economic benefit for the Illawarra region.

We understand from media reports that there has been some community opposition to the development, however it would be our expectation that many of these concerns could be addressed through appropriate regulatory provisions.

Should you require any further clarification on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours Faithfully



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