

9th August 2019

Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

United Wambo Project – Proposed Condition of Consent (Mining Project SD 7142)

Dear Sir/Madam,

WesTrac NSW would like to register their objection to the proposed Export Management Plan condition to be applied to the United Wambo Coal Mine Project (UWCMP).

Point 1

This condition places additional requirements on the development that may prevent it proceeding. The UWCMP would be the only mine in NSW that needs to comply with this condition, placing it at a disadvantage in the marketplace. This would also be a precedent on all future coal mining operations in NSW. Putting the future of this vital industry at risk.

Point 2

The goal of the Paris Agreement is to lower the greenhouse gas emissions on a global level. The coal from the UWCMP will be crucial in powering the High Efficiency Low Emission (HELE) power plants that are providing the necessary balance of affordable energy and low carbon emissions. During our transition to a renewable, low carbon future, we must maximise the replacement of high emission coal with high quality, low emission coal, such as will be produced from the UWCMP.

WesTrac are the Caterpillar dealer for NSW and the ACT, and we directly employ over 1300 people in NSW, of whom approximately 1150 are employed outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Our workforce includes professional, trades and support staff, working in the mining and construction industries. We also have a large apprenticeship training program, helping develop the tradespeople of the future. The proposed mining operation at UWCMP will enable us to expand our workforce, to provide onsite support, field service, workshops parts and administrative activities in Singleton Local Government area, in addition to our other sites at Newcastle.

In addition to direct employment opportunities, WesTrac has continued to invest in high end technology to support all our mining customers goals of reducing GHG emissions. In the last 12 months we have spent \$15m on capital equipment to expand our technical support capacity. Approval of this project will provide us with the certainty to make these investments and provide ongoing skilled employment opportunities in regional NSW.

Yours

Electronic Submission

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