



**NIPPON STEEL &
SUMITOMO METAL**

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Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Mr. John Hann
Chair of Independent Planning Commission for the Vickery Extension Project
New South Wales Government

Re: **[Confidential]** Submission on Vickery Extension Project

Dear Mr. John Hann,

Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (NSSMC) is the largest steel making company in Japan. NSSMC is committed to challenges of sustainable social development through innovative technological development and the "Three Ecos";

- 1) Eco process: making steel with the world's top-level energy efficiency and lowest level CO₂ emissions
- 2) Eco products: contributes to reduction of CO₂ emissions by making lighter, more energy-efficient products and utilizing by-products
- 3) Eco solution: contributes to preservation of the global environment by offering its environmental and energy-saving technologies to various countries in the world.

Our company consumes approximately 40 million tons of coal annually for steel making and power generation, importing more than 60% of it from Australia.

Since I could not attend the public hearing in Boggabri and Gunnedah, today I would like to express our opinion on the Vickery Extension Project as follows.

It is expected that the demand for coal continues to grow worldwide both thermal and metallurgical for the foreseeable future, especially in Asia where economic development is expected. Under these circumstances, I recognize that the Vickery Extension is the project which can stably supply a low emission high quality coal over the long period of 25 years. I believe, by driving this project, it will meet some of the growing coal demand in Asia, and lead to the development of the society through the stability of electricity supply and steel production. It will also assist NSSMC to continue its Eco-Friendly steel production by using Vickery coal.

In addition, I recognize Whitehaven Coal as a reliable coal supplier who continues its strong commitment to the development and production of coal resources.

In light of these circumstances, NSSMC has a great interest in the Vickery Extension Project in terms of stable procurement of high-quality coal and investment in projects. I strongly hope that the development of this project will be smoothly promoted.

Sincerely yours,

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