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Dear Mr Gilligan

Bylong Coal Project Public Hearing

Please accept the following submission for the KEPCO Bylong Coal Project public hearing.

ARTC operates the rail network including the main line from the proposed mine site to the Port of Newcastle. ARTC was created after the Commonwealth and State Governments agreed in 1997 to the formation of a 'one stop shop' for all operators seeking access to the National interstate rail network and in 2004 secured the lease with the NSW Government to operate within New South Wales.

ARTC not only manages the rail network but also develops new business opportunities, provides capital investment, and undertakes maintenance of the rail network.

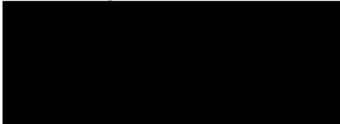
ARTC supports the KEPCO Bylong Coal Project.

We have been in discussions with the proponent for many years regarding the implications of the project on the rail network.

The rail network through to the Port of Newcastle is able to accommodate the proposed train volumes arising from the project. The proponent is aware of the capacity alignment framework that ARTC works within and how ARTC works with its Customers to ensure sufficient capacity is available in the existing rail corridor as well as the need for additional capital expenditure if it arises in the future.

ARTC also notes the project will have a range of environmental and social impacts. Accordingly ARTC supports any mitigation measures proposed to mitigate and reduce these impacts, including measures to maintain or enhance the Tarwyn Park natural sequence farming.

Sincerely



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