

Submission to PAC re Wallarah 2 Coal Project Ref: D482-17

My Credentials and background that led to the support of this project was listed in my PAC submission April 2017.

I do welcome the findings of the previous PAC and the responsible analysis of those findings. Each PAC has added to the knowledge base of the project and enabled Wallarah 2 to refine their response and management of the project.

It is clear that there have been improvements in the relationships between Wallarah 2 and immediate stakeholders and the employment and other economic benefits are confirmed. It is also noted that Wallarah 2 have demonstrated that they are good corporate citizens as evidenced by the broad community endeavours they have and continue to undertake.

I appreciate that the Wallarah 2 Coal Project is significant in both its scope and potential broad impact on the environment. However, I have also noted the high level of skill and scientific scrutiny brought to bear by independent engineers and scientists with Wallarah 2 now meeting the stringent criteria demanded. Added to this it appears that there is little, if anything, other than emotional issues holding up approval of the project as seen in Development Consent document Feb 2017.

Unfortunately I will be overseas at the time of the PAC hearing and thus submit this document for your consideration in my absence.

I support a decision to proceed with the project in its entirety.

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