



**5 February 2026**

To whom it may concern, Independent Planning Commission of NSW

**Re: Letter of Support – Moolarben Coal Open Cut 3 (OC3) Extension Project**

Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) supports Yancoal’s Moolarben Coal Open Cut 3 (OC3) Extension Project and welcomes the opportunity to outline why this proposal is important to our business, the coal industry, and the New South Wales economy.

As a key exporter within the Port of Newcastle, NCIG relies on the continuation of well-planned, efficient and responsible coal mining operations across NSW. Projects such as the OC3 Extension play an important role in maintaining production continuity, workforce stability and supply chain reliability, all of which underpin confidence and long-term investment across the coal export sector.

NCIG supports the OC3 Extension because it provides employment certainty for around 700 workers and supports approximately \$180 million in annual economic activity, while maximising the use of existing infrastructure and avoiding unnecessary disturbance to the environment and nearby residences. These outcomes are critical to sustaining the competitiveness of the NSW coal industry and the businesses that support it.

We also acknowledge the improvements made to the project in response to community and government feedback. The reduced disturbance footprint, enhanced rehabilitation outcomes and strengthened environmental protections demonstrate a commitment to balancing economic benefits with responsible land use and environmental management. This type of continual improvement is important for maintaining community confidence and the long-term social licence of the industry.

Yancoal is a valued participant in the coal supply chain, and the continued operation of the Moolarben Coal Complex supports jobs, investment and export activity that delivers significant flow-on benefits to regional communities and the broader NSW economy. For NCIG, the OC3 Extension contributes to the resilience of the export task that our business exists to serve. For these reasons, NCIG supports approval of the Moolarben Coal Open Cut 3 Extension Project.

Yours sincerely,

