

Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia)

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Verbal Submission in support of the HVO North and South Open Cut Coal Continuation Projects

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My name is Jason Gleeson.

I am the Executive General Manager of Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia) Pty Ltd ('HCA').

I am speaking today on behalf of HCA in support of the HVO North and South Open Cut Coal Continuation Projects.

HCA supplies a range of mining and construction equipment and related service and parts to customers across the mining, quarry, construction, material handling and recycling industries through our national dealer network.

From large scales mines to local owner-operators in country towns we pride ourselves in delivering world-leading equipment and solutions no matter the project size.

My submission today will outline why the continuation of HVO is important to HCA, especially in relation to HCA's operations in the Hunter Valley.



HCA have 1,420 full time staff in Australia.

160 of these full time employees are based in the Hunter Valley.

- **HCA's Muswellbrook Branch employs 119 full time staff.**
- **HCA's Muswellbrook Reman centre employs an additional 22 full time staff**
- **HCA's Newcastle Branch (Thornton) employs 19 full time staff.**

HCA's operations in the Hunter Valley provide both direct and indirect support to HVO. For example;

- **in the last 3 years the HCA Muswellbrook branch has provided an average of 16,200 work hours per annum to HVO.**
- **HCA Muswellbrook currently has 78 field service staff inducted to perform work at HVO.**

HCA's Hunter Valley operations currently utilise the products and services of 216 Hunter Valley based suppliers.



HCA Muswellbrook Branch

Full Time Staff - 119
Local Suppliers - 132

HCA Muswellbrook Reman

Full Time Staff - 22
Local Suppliers - 33

HCA Newcastle Branch

Full Time Staff - 19
Local Suppliers - 51



HCA Muswellbrook Branch

In the last three years the Muswellbrook Branch supplied an average of **16,200** work hours PA to Hunter Valley Operations.

78 of our Field Service Staff are currently inducted at HVO.



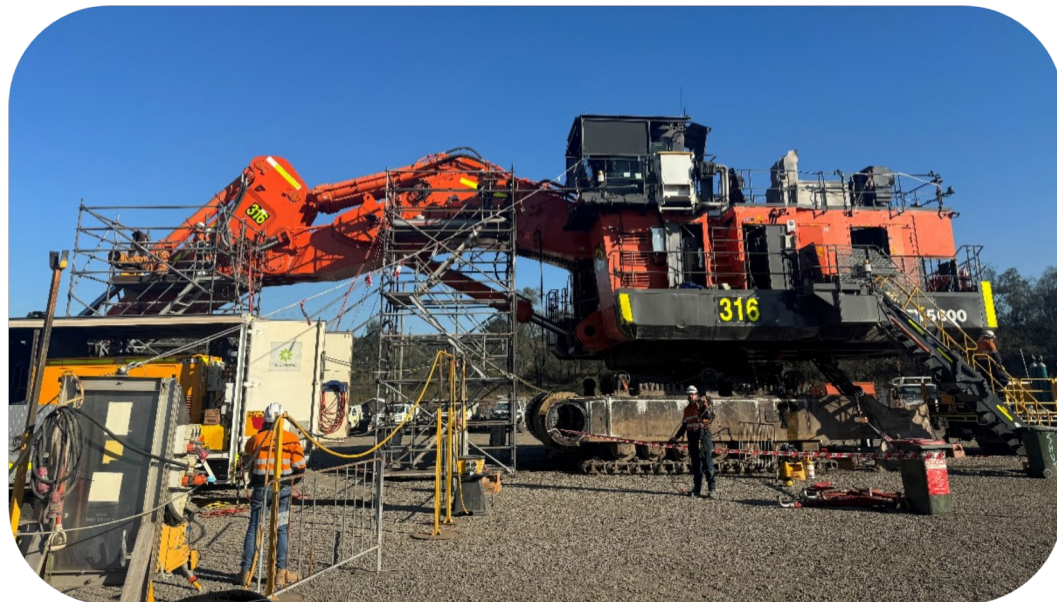
Our business requires high levels of safety, technical capability and innovation.

These skills and capabilities are essential not only to HCA, but to the daily operations of our customers and the continuous improvement of industry products and practices.

Ongoing business from HVO allows HCA to maintain our highly skilled, and in many cases, long tenured workforce.

It also allows HCA to invest in products, services and technology that reduce emissions and waste, and which provide less impact on the environment.

The importance of this cannot be understated for the future prosperity of the Hunter Valley.



Investment in Apprenticeships and Workforce Development

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A viable local business also enables HCA to invest in the training and development of apprentices.

For example, HCA's Muswellbrook Branch currently has 11 apprentices who are at various stages of their journeys, from 1st year to 4th year; including both electrical and mechanical.

Work that these apprentices conduct that relates to HVO includes new machine builds, infield diagnostics and repairs, machine shop experience, site-based service crew positions, and complex shutdown and overhaul works.

This training and experience ensures an ongoing supply of tradespeople to both HCA and the industry.

Community Investment and Environmental Responsibility

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By having a viable local business HCA is also able to support a range of local community projects and initiatives.

Clontarf Foundation



The Clontarf Foundation makes a difference to the lives of young indigenous boys across Australia living in negatively affected communities, by offering positive experiences, aspiration and changing harmful cycles.

HCA is proud to sponsor and support Clontarf Foundation both nationally and in the Hunter Valley through initiatives such as excursions, work experience, and traineeships through to full time employment.

Humpty Dumpty Foundation



The Humpty Dumpty Foundation provides a means for hospitals to receive much needed medical equipment. HCA have for many years partnered with Humpty to donate much needed medical equipment to the local communities in which we operate.

Pictured above are HCA Muswellbrook staff at the handover of a Jaundice Detector to the Maternity Unit of Muswellbrook Hospital – one of a number of donations in recent years to Hunter Valley hospitals.

2026 Mining Skills – Hitachi 1st Year Apprentices



The Mining and Energy Skills Program is a 6 month block-release course delivered at TAFE NSW Muswellbrook, covering trade fundamentals across mechanical engineering, electrotechnology, metal fabrication and light automotive technology.

It is specifically designed for apprentices entering the mining and energy sector, and HCA has been a proud industry partner of the program for many years.

The Smith Family's Toy and Food Appeal provides a vital lifeline for families experiencing hardship, ensuring that they too can experience a happy festive season.

In an annual spirit of giving, the Muswellbrook team contributes to the Smith Family's Toy and Food Appeal with personal donations. It has become a tradition of the branche to support this charitable event.



HCA Muswellbrook participate in the Blackroo Food & Toy Appeal, coming together to donate an impressive range of food, toys and gifts to support the local community.

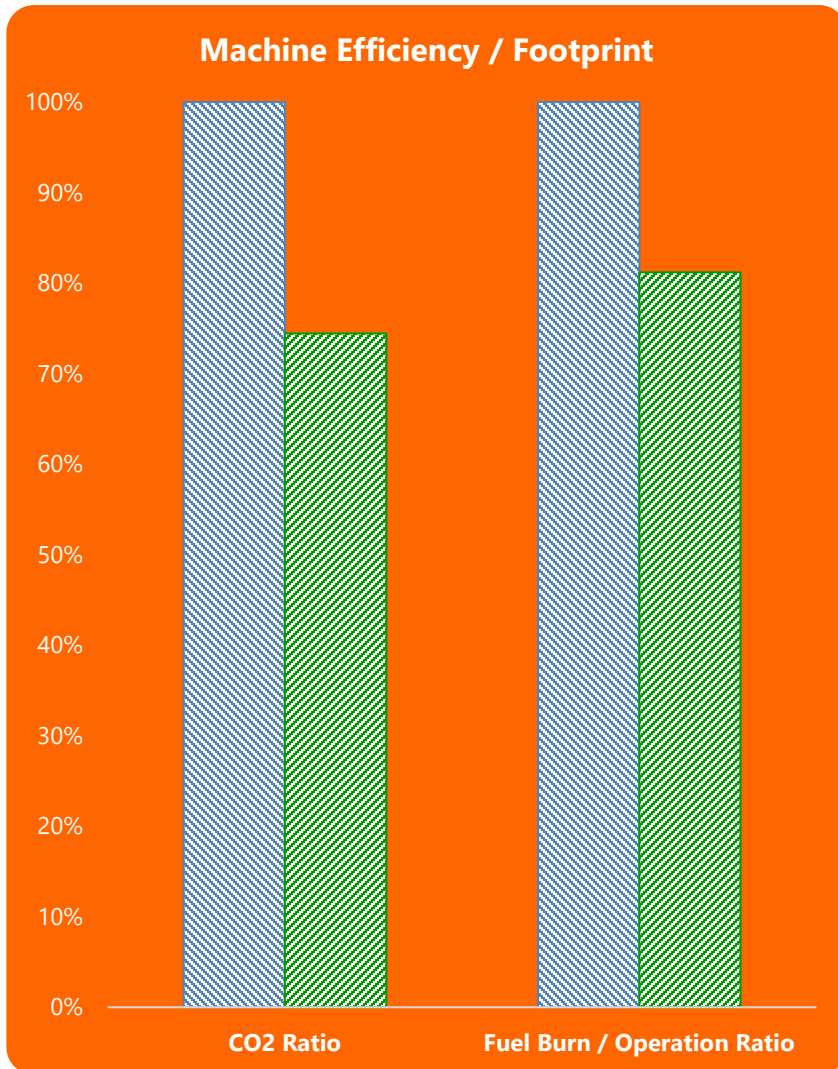
The BlackRoo movement is an indigenous led organisation, deeply rooted in community, culture and country. HCA is proud to be a part of their journey.



International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. In 2026, the day marked its 115th anniversary.

This year's themes included Balance the Scales and Give to Gain. Together these themes remind us that equity is not a loss for anyone, but it is a collective gain.





Hitachi Construction Machinery is committed to reducing the environmental impact from our day-to-day business activities, and to expanding our range of environmentally conscious products and services which contribute to the movement towards carbon neutrality.

Initiatives which relate to HVO include (but are not limited to);

- New product innovation
- Reductions in fuel consumption & CO2 emissions,
- Use of remanufactured parts
- Extending machine and component life
- Improvements in sound attenuation

These improvements provide tangible benefits. For example: actual machine data from HVO's Hitachi excavators when comparing an older Hitachi model V a newer model excavator, shows **Fuel usage optimisation and CO2 reduction technologies** have led to a 25% reduction in CO2 output and 18% less fuel used.

Hitachi product development continues to evolve, with the objective of providing even more commercially viable alternatives.

These advancements are based on ongoing support from customers such as HVO.



As a long-term employer with a significant footprint in the Hunter Region, HCA supports the approval of the HVO North and South Open Cut Coal Continuation Projects.

HVO's ongoing operation will allow Hunter Valley businesses such as HCA the ability to adapt to future requirements in a measured and sustainable manner, without eliminating a business in HVO that helps support HCA and a significant portion of the Hunter Valley economy.

This will provide valuable additional time for regional transition planning, potential workforce reskilling, economic diversification and community preparation for the future.

It will also help to mitigate the social and economic impacts associated with future mine closures in the Hunter Valley.

Thank you.

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Thankyou for your time and attention