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Mr Richard York  
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Dear Mr York,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF CERTAIN SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE**

The Bloomfield Group (**Bloomfield**) makes this submission in response to the invitation offered by the National Competition Council to make comment on the application made by the New South Wales Minerals Council (**NSWMC**) titled "New South Wales Minerals Council - Application for a declaration recommendation in relation to the Port of Newcastle - July 2020" (**NSWMC Application**).

**Company Background**

Bloomfield is an Australian owned and operated group of private companies operating in the Hunter Valley NSW. It operates the Rix's Creek Mine at Singleton and the Bloomfield Mine at Ashtonfield and holds other Exploration Tenements. Bloomfield has been in business for more than 80 years.

Bloomfield employs more than 500 people in the local area in its businesses which are principally based in the Hunter Valley. These Companies specialise in:

- Coal mining and sales
- Contract coal beneficiation services
- Engineering (manufacture, maintenance and fabrication)
- Biodiesel production
- Waste cooking oil collection and recycling

Bloomfield's diverse activities mean that it can provide employment across a wide skill set and education standard and currently employs 24 apprentices across several trades and a number of university graduates.

Bloomfield is privately owned with its small group of shareholders all Australian nationals and residents.

### **Bloomfield in the Hunter Valley Coal Chain**

100% of Bloomfield's coal production is produced and transported within the Hunter Valley Coal Chain (**HVCC**), with the product coal exclusively sold in the export market through the port in Newcastle.

Like all other producers in the HVCC, Bloomfield has track, train and terminal contracts and commitments. It is also subject to the current challenges of community interest, the international markets and NSW/Federal government approval and regulatory processes and standards.

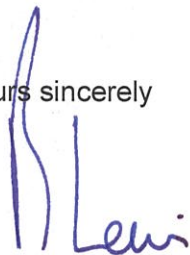
When compared with other producers in the HVCC, Bloomfield has several unique attributes.  
Bloomfield

- is an unlisted private company
- has 100% of its company's production contained within the HVCC and therefore no ability to use ports other than Newcastle
- has a relatively small production level (less than 2% of the total tonnage exported through the port of Newcastle)

### **Submission**

Bloomfield is a member of the NSWMC and unreservedly supports the arguments, conclusions and recommendations NSWMC makes in its NSWMC Application.

Yours sincerely



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