



PORT WARATAH
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TERMINAL 4 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS RELEASED

Last Friday, the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) released the public submissions from the exhibition of the Terminal 4 Preferred Project Report (PPR).

A preliminary analysis reveals that approximately 1000 submissions have been received and collated to date. Of these, approximately 600 express support for the project, approximately 350 oppose the project and the remainder provide general comments.

Port Waratah Coal Services' Chief Executive Officer Hennie du Plooy said that he was pleased with the results of the Public Exhibition.

"I believe that community consultation on projects like Terminal 4 is an important component of the approval process. Once again, the level of response received indicates that the community values the opportunity too," said Mr du Plooy.

"Our initial review indicates that the submissions this time are probably more reflective of the diversity and complexity of views in the community," he said.

"While there are a number of submissions that oppose the Project and raise concerns, a large number of different stakeholders expressed that they are very keen for the Project to proceed.

"The general feedback we have received indicates that people value both the benefits that Terminal 4 would bring, as well as the certainty an approval and its associated conditions would deliver to the region."

As the next step in the approval process, Port Waratah will now review the public submissions and, where appropriate, provide formal responses to issues raised.

It is expected that the proposal will then proceed to the next phase of the assessment, a Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) panel review. The PAC is independent from the DP&I and as part of its review, is likely to hold public hearings in Newcastle early next year.

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