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Director
EIA Improvement Project
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Re: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Improvement Project.

Dear Sir

KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) is seeking to develop a new coal mine in the Bylong Valley of NSW. KEPCO is the largest publically listed electricity utility company in Asia being responsible for the generation of 85% of South Korea's electricity for its residential and industry customers.

In December 2010, KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd purchased Authorisations (A) 287 and 342 in the Bylong Valley some 55 kilometres north-east of Mudgee in the Mid-Western Regional Council Local Government Area. Since that time KEPCO has undertaken exploration activities, environmental investigation and mine planning studies to identify the coal resources within the Authorisations and to determine the most environmentally and socially responsible and economically viable mine plan to recover these known coal resources. The Bylong Coal Project is the first 100 percent owned coal project that KEPCO has invested in anywhere in the world.

KEPCO lodged a Development Application in July 2015 for the Bylong Coal Project (SSD 14_6367) which as at this date is still in the assessment stage with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E). The proposed mine life is 25 years, if approved, the project will contribute significantly to employment in the region together with providing substantial economic benefits, which will accrue to the region and the State of NSW.

KEPCO Bylong Australia is a member of the NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) and has contributed to the NSWMC submission to the DP&E on the *Environmental Impact Assessment Improvement Project Discussion Paper (October 2016)*. KEPCO considers that improvements to the NSW Planning System are a key factor in facilitating timely and orderly development within the State that can provide greater certainty to project developers and the wider community.

KEPCO Bylong Australia supports and endorses the NSWMC submission on Stage 1 of the EIA Improvement Project and will continue to work with the NSWMC and other stakeholders for the subsequent stages of the project. Please accept this letter as KEPCO Bylong Australia's submission on the EIA Improvement Project

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 89049508 should you have any questions concerning this submission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Vatovec', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bill Vatovec
Chief Operating Officer
KEPCO Australia Pty Ltd