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Research Director Agriculture and Environment Committee

To whom it may concern,

I have worked at New Hope for more than 30 years. I have always been proud to have this association. I have never been more proud of my position within New Hope Group than today. Our constant work on safety and wellbeing, Our community involvement and given our industry's position our resilience. We have been working tirelessly to commence our stage 3 operation at New Acland Coal for far too long. Just when we are close to achieving our decision on NAC stage 3, additional steps are proposed. We are running out of time. Not getting stage 3 will greatly affect all staff and their families and the broader community through the loss of revenue.

Why include our project at this late stage after already been through land court process. There could be transitional arrangement for a project like this in latter stages of the approval process.

When we (New Hope Group and their supporters) get close to the "goal posts" they are moved. Our staff and their families including our suppliers are feeling the stress of not knowing if they will have work. Enough is enough. New Hope has a proven record as a good business to the environment, its people and the community. In this current climate can we afford to bring down a company like New Hope? What will replace coal today?

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