

New Hope Group FY25 Half Year Results ASX:NHC

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# A strong first half for the 2025 financial year



### Operational highlights<sup>1</sup>

Safety - TRIFR<sup>2</sup>

4.08

18% decrease



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**ROM** coal production

8.3Mt



56% increase

### Financial highlights<sup>1</sup>

Fully franked interim dividend

19¢

Per share

**Underlying EBITDA<sup>3</sup>** 

\$517M

22% increase

Saleable coal production

5.4Mt

33% increase

**Coal sales** 

5.4Mt

44% increase

**Cash from operating activities** 

\$317M

143% increase

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\$340M ^

35% increase

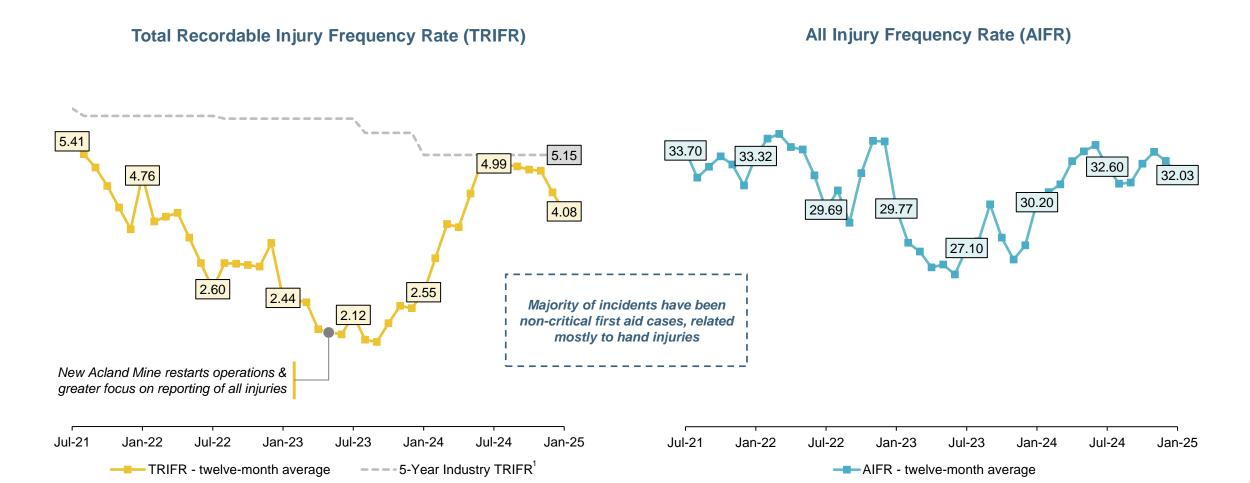
<sup>1.</sup> Percentage movements relate to the previous comparative period being the half year ended 31 January 2024, unless otherwise stated. Highlights reflect 80% interest in Bengalla Mine.

<sup>2.</sup> Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) – twelve-month moving average. Percentage movement relates to the TRIFR as at 31 July 2024. Following a safety and wellbeing incident and injury classification review, the TRIFR as at 31 July 2024 has been revised from 5.32 to 4.99. Similarly, the TRIFR as at 31 January 2025 has been revised down from 4.40 (as stated in the Quarterly Activities Report 31 January 2025) to 4.08.

<sup>3.</sup> Underlying earnings before interest, tax and depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) is a non-IFRS measure.

# Safety highlights – performance improving with ongoing focus





<sup>1.</sup> NSW open-cut coal mines.

# Operational highlights – higher production and lower unit costs



### Bengalla Mine - steady-state production, Growth Project achieved

- Saleable coal production of 4.2Mt<sup>1</sup>, up 11 per cent.
- FOB cash cost<sup>3</sup> of \$68.3/t, a 16 per cent improvement.
- FY25 sustaining capital guidance revised down to \$185m \$225m1.

#### New Acland Mine - Legal challenge withdrawn against Stage 3

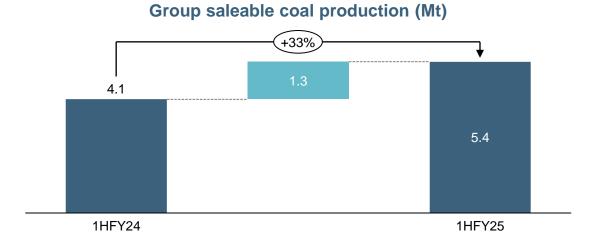
- Discontinuance of OCAA's<sup>2</sup> appeal provides certainty for ramp-up.
- Saleable coal production of 1.2Mt, up ~300 per cent.
- Planning for access and mining of Manning Vale West Pit

#### Malabar Resources Limited – increasing our equity interest to 22.97%

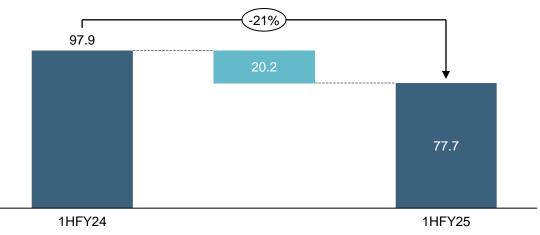
- Additional 3.0% stake in Malabar purchased for \$2.00 per share.
- Low-cost, long-life, metallurgical coal asset.
- ~6Mtpa of coal sales over a ~20-year approval period.



<sup>2.</sup> Oakey Coal Action Alliance.



### Group FOB cash cost<sup>3,4</sup> (\$ / sales tonne)



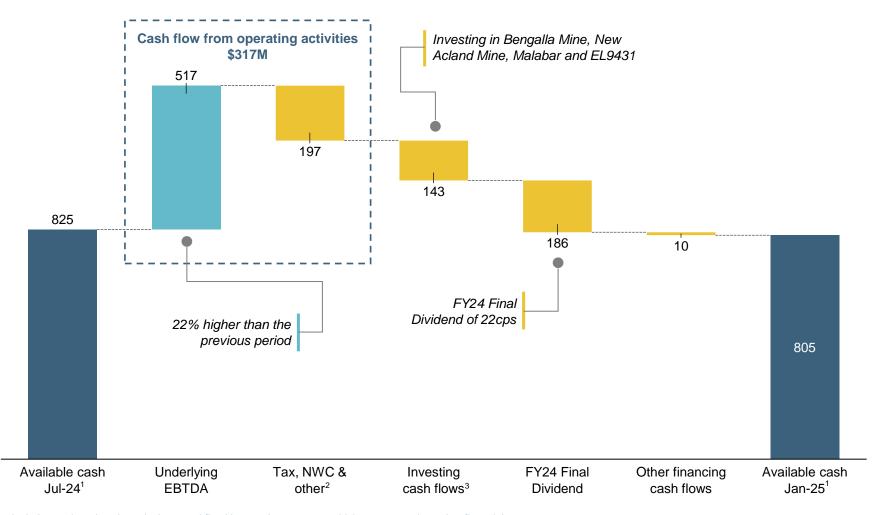
New Hope Group FY25

<sup>3.</sup> Free on Board – excluding state royalties and trade coal.

<sup>4.</sup> Group FOB cash cost excludes \$38.8 million of New Acland Mine costs associated with accessing Willeroo Pit via box-cut, which is capitalised for accounting purposes. Group FOB cash cost including this cost would be \$84.8/t.

# Financial highlights – solid cash generation and shareholder returns





Realised price (incl. hedging)

\$180/t

15% decrease

Underlying margin (incl. hedging)

\$84/t

16% decrease

Gross dividend yield4

10.3%

12 months to 31 January 2025

- 1. Includes cash and cash equivalents and fixed income investments, which are reported as other financial assets.
- 2. Tax payments (\$105.9 million), settlement of provisional pricing (\$63.6 million), net working capital (+\$11.8 million), other (\$39.7 million).
- 3. Payments for PPE and intangibles (\$126.2 million), proceeds from sale of PPE (+\$27.7 million), investment in Malabar Resources Limited (\$36.1 million), exploration (\$8.5 million).
- 4. Based on dividends paid during the period, including the value of franking credits, and closing share price as at 31 January 2024.

# **Capital management highlights – maximising returns to shareholders**



#### Cash flows from our assets

### **Growth capital**

for organic production increases

# M&A opportunities aligned to strategy

#### **Fixed income**

maximise returns to support our strategy

Maximise value available for shareholder returns

#### **Fully franked dividends**

To utilise significant franking account

#### **Share buy-back**

Reduction of shares on issue

#### Uses of cash flow

- ~\$400m growth capital1 at New Acland Mine, which is currently being optimised.
- \$185m \$225m of sustaining capital guidance at Bengalla Mine for FY25.
- Surplus cash and returns to support swift execution of strategic opportunities.

### **Fully franked dividends**

- FY25 fully franked interim dividend of 19c per ordinary share.
- Utilisation of significant franking account balance is a key priority.

#### **On-market share buy-back**

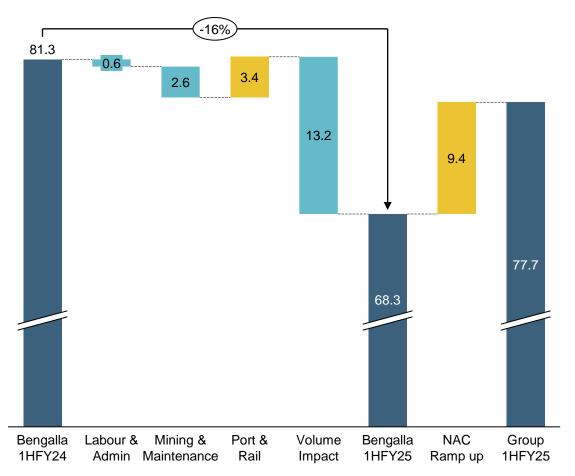
- On-market buy-back up to \$100m announced.
- Prevailing share price provides an opportunity to reduce shares on issue, at an attractive price.

1. Growth capital to be executed over the next 2-3 years.

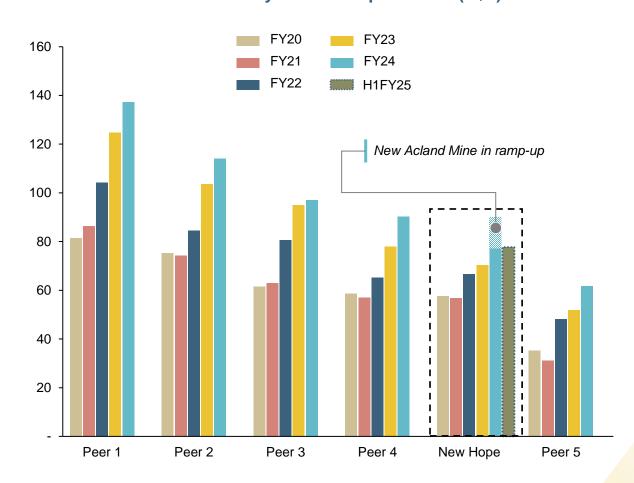
# Production growth and disciplined cost control driving lower unit costs



### Group FOB cash costs<sup>1</sup> (A\$/sales t)



### Unit costs of key Australian producers (A\$/t)



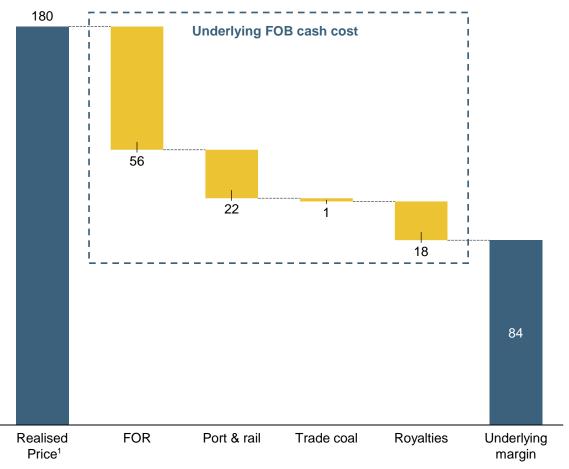
Source – Commodity Insights 2024 dataset.
FOB costs (excluding trade coal and royalties).
FY24 data is based on a combination of reported costs, guidance and Commodity Insights estimates.

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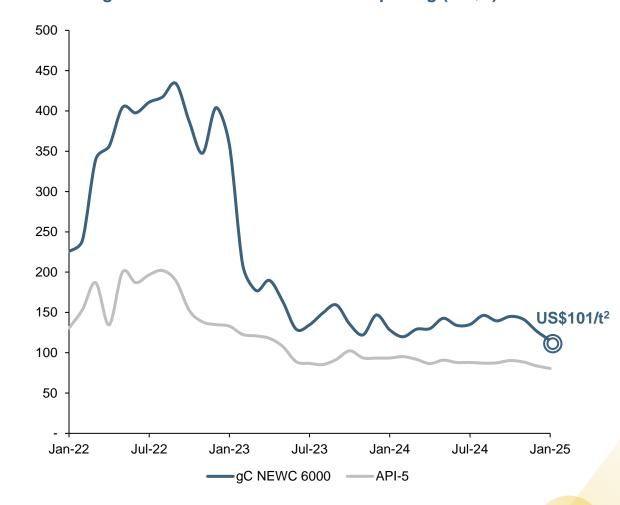
# Low-cost operations provide greater resilience against coal price fluctuations MHG







### gC NEWC 6000 & API-5 historical pricing (US\$/t)

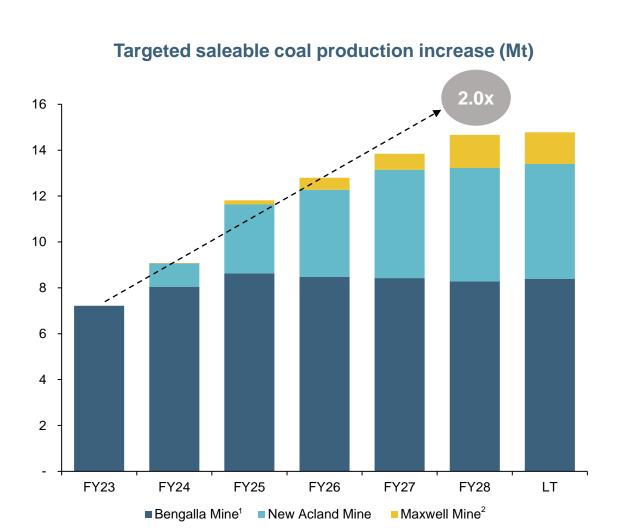


Includes net hedging gain (commodity prices and foreign currency).

gC NEWC 6000 week to date price as of 14 March 2025 - US\$101/t or A\$160/t.

# Low-cost production and organic growth provide an attractive outlook





### **Organic growth**

 Targeted saleable coal production increase provides cost-effective, low-risk production growth.

#### Low-cost base

Generating continued strong margins despite a softening coal price.

### **Operating responsibly**

 Creating value for stakeholders by safely, responsibly and efficiently operating our coal assets.

#### **Shareholder returns**

 Modest capital investment to fund future growth will enable solid shareholder returns.

<sup>1.</sup> Bengalla Mine – attributing 80 per cent share of saleable coal production.

<sup>2.</sup> Maxwell Mine – attributing 22.97 per cent share of Maxwell Mine saleable coal production.



# Our operations and markets





### **Operating coal mines**



#### Bengalla

(thermal) (80% joint venture, open-cut)



#### **New Acland**

(thermal) (100%, open-cut)



(SSCC & thermal) (22.97% interest, underground)

### Coal exploration

Bee Creek

North Surat<sup>1</sup>

Tenements near New Acland and Bengalla, including EL9431 and AL19

### **Agricultural operations**



Bengalla **Agricultural** Company



Acland **Pastoral** Company

#### Port facility



Queensland **Bulk** Handling

### Oil and gas production and exploration



### **Bridgeport Energy**

Surat, Cooper and Otway Basins

#### Offices

New Hope Group head office (Brisbane) New Hope Japan office (Tokyo) Bridgeport head office (Sydney)

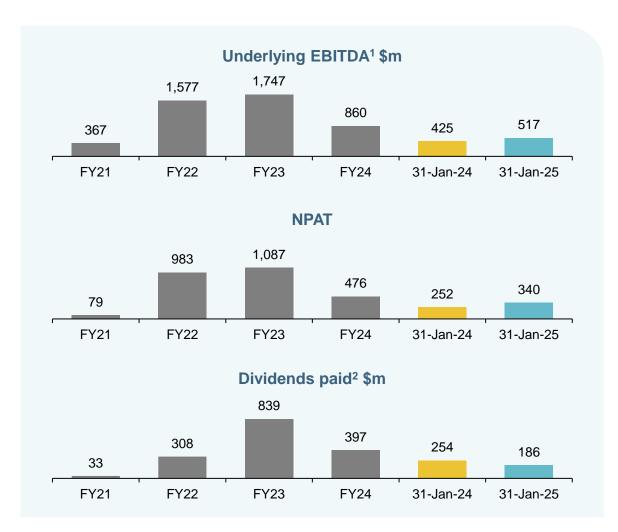
## **Key customer locations H1FY25**<sup>2</sup>



- Assets associated with the North Surat Coal Project are impaired as at 31 January 2025.
- Percentages represent proportion of all coal revenue in 1HFY25. 'Other' includes third-party customer contracts with undisclosed geographical information.

# **Financial performance**





<sup>1.</sup> Underlying Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) before non-regular items.

	Jan-25 \$m	Jan-24 \$m
Underlying EBITDA before non-regular items <sup>1</sup>	517.3	424.8
Depreciation and amortisation	(95.8)	(75.9)
Net interest income	(7.1)	15.2
Profit before tax and non-regular items	414.4	364.1
Non-regular items before tax	49.1	-
Profit before tax after non-regular items	463.5	364.1
Income tax expense	(123.2)	(112.4)
Statutory profit after tax and non-regular items	340.3	251.7
Basic earnings per share (cents)	40.3	29.8
Ordinary dividend declared per share (cents)	19.0	17.0

<sup>2.</sup> Dividends paid during the period.

# Bengalla Mine – achieving steady-state production



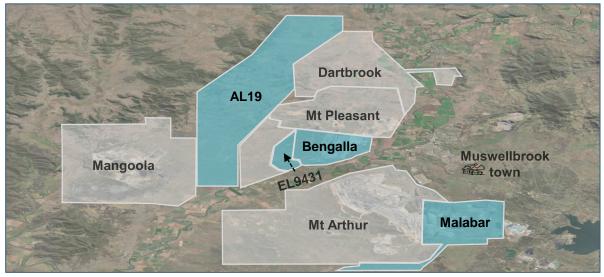
- Disciplined and low unit cost operation delivering strong margins.
- Long-term growth opportunities at AL19 and EL9431, both located to the West of the current operating pit.
- On track to produce between 8.1Mt<sup>1</sup> and 8.7Mt<sup>1</sup> in FY25.
- FOB cash cost<sup>2</sup> of \$68.3/t for the first half of FY25
- CHPP shutdown completed in the first half of FY25. Dragline shutdown schedule for the second half of FY25.

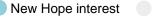
### **Bengalla Growth Project**

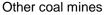
- Operational targets (ROM coal production and washery input capacity) of the Growth Project now achieved.
- Minor infrastructure works remain.



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<sup>3.</sup> FY25 reflects midpoint of guidance range.

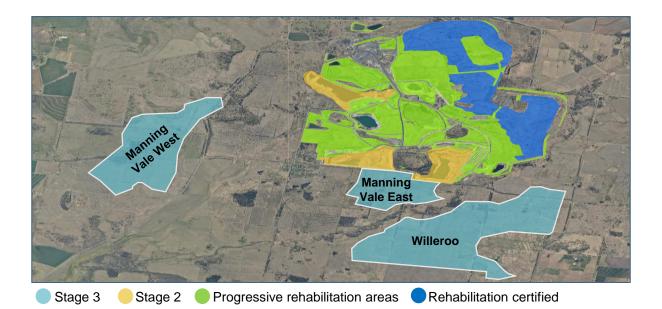
# **New Acland Mine – a clear runway to ~5Mtpa**

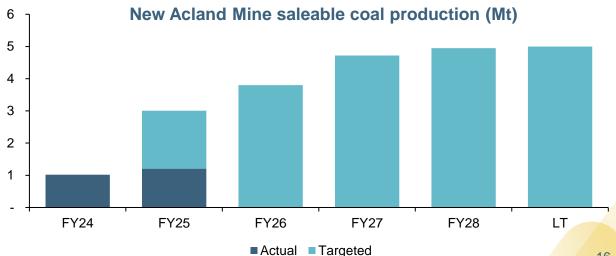


- Saleable coal production of 1.2Mt for the first half of FY25 as ramp up progresses.
- Steady-state operations will see New Acland Mine compete with Bengalla Mine on a FOR¹ cash cost basis.
- New Acland Mine is expected to remain below the threshold for coverage under the Safeguard Mechanism.
- Group ownership of certain underground titles results in a low-exposure to the QLD state royalty regime.

# Stage 3 update – Legal challenge withdrawn

- Discontinuance of OCAA's appeal provides clear runway to ~5Mtpa.
- Now focused on accelerating infrastructure works to gain access to Manning Vale West pit.
- Mining activities in Manning Vale West pit targeting early 2026.





1. Free on Rail.

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# Malabar Resources Limited – low-cost, long-life investment



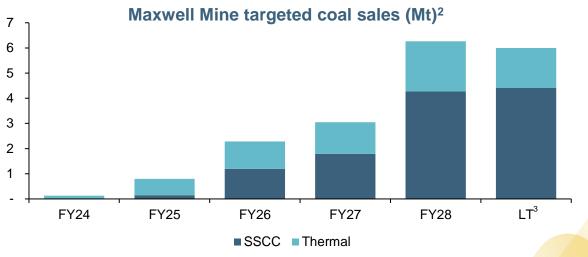
### **Maxwell Mine Project**

- Underground coal project possessing high-quality SSCC<sup>1</sup> and thermal coal.
- · Bord and pillar and longwall operation.
- ~6Mtpa of coal sales over a ~20-year approval period.
- 300m longwall operating costs of \$55/t (excluding royalties).

#### **Our investment**

- Current equity holding of 22.97 per cent.
- Increases exposure to high-quality metallurgical coal.
- Aligns with strategy of investing in low-cost coal assets with long-life approvals.
- 1. Semi-soft coking coal.
- 2. Source Malabar Resources Limited company presentation February 2024.
- 3. Reflects average from FY29 FY36. LOM extends to FY46.





## **FY25 Guidance**

2025 guidance targets remains unchanged, apart from Bengalla sustaining capital which has been revised down

from \$200m - \$245m to \$185m - \$225m

	FY24	FY25 Guidance	Change <sup>1</sup>	H1FY25
('000t)	12,337	15,480 - 17,000	32% 🕈	8,278
('000t)	9,063	10,830 - 11,870	25% 🕈	5,438
('000t)	8,686	10,660 - 11,750	29% 🕈	5,411
('000t)	9,985	10,080 - 10,800	5%	5,646
('000t)	8,046	8,080 - 8,720	4% ↑	4,230
('000t)	7,843	8,160 - 8,800	8% 🕈	4,377
(\$/sales t)	77.8	71 - 79	(4%) ↓	68.3
(\$m)	79	185 - 225 <sup>4</sup>	158% 🕈	60
('000t)	2,351	5,400 - 6,200	147% 🕈	2,632
('000t)	1,017	2,750 - 3,150	190% 🕈	1,208
('000t)	843	2,500 - 2,950	223% 🕈	1,034
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<sup>1.</sup> Percentage change is based on the midpoint of the FY25 guidance range.



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<sup>3.</sup> Free on Board – excluding state royalties and trade coal.

<sup>4.</sup> Revised down from \$200 million - \$245 million as per ASX release dated 18 November 2024.

# Thank you

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