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**Subject:** Coal export to Israel

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Thanks

DISR are planning on providing the below response to The Guardian.

Could you please let us know if you have any concerns with their response.

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**Response:**

- Coal exports are commercial arrangements made on a commercial basis.

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Kind regards,  
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**Sent:** Thursday, 20 February 2025 12:53 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: SE points - coal exports [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi team

See below where I've landed on our SE coal TPs s 22(1)(a)(ii) are you able to confirm you're happy with this formulation?

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FYI, according to our DFAT trade stats, the only coal exports recorded since 2015 were \$4,000 worth in 2021-22, but I note the only evidence cited in media was one X post by Peter Cronau stating 'a bulk carrier arrived today from Newcastle to the Hadera Port, on the coast near Tel Aviv, likely to supply Israel's largest power station,' with no actual evidence.

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**s 22(1)(a)(ii)** ; Media  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*Media enquiry for advice\*\* Export controls on Australian coal?  
[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Good morning all,

For your awareness, DISR's MO provided the below response to The Guardian.

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Hi Sarah,

Apologies for taking a bit to come back. Our dept does not administer any controls on coal exports.

Any question about sanctions would be a matter for DFAT.

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Warm regards,  
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Hi there,

I'm looking to get some more details on any export controls for coal the department or the minister might be in charge of.

I've had a little look around but haven't found anything particularly useful for my questions at this stage.

In a hypothetical example, I'm looking to understand whether an exporter of Australian coal would need to apply for a permit to export to a new country or whether there are any checks or balances the government undertakes in that situation.

Hoping to get some clarity by the end of the day. I'm not looking for an on the record comment at this stage so all on background is fine with me.

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