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Dear Mr Cole

Vickery Mine Extension (SSD-7480)

**Response to Submissions and Independent Planning Commission Public Hearing Report**

The exhibition of the development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal ended on 25 Oct 2018. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at: [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition).

The Department notes that you have considered these submissions when preparing a preliminary response to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) for its consideration for the public hearing held for the Vickery Mine Extension. The Department requests that you now provide a response to the issues raised in submissions during the exhibition period, including government agency advice (including the Commonwealth Independent Expert Scientific Committee (IESC)), by providing a Submissions Report to the Department by Friday 28 June 2019.

The Department also requests that you provide a response to the advice and recommendations of the Department's independent experts. You may wish to arrange meetings with the Department's experts prior to providing a response to clarify or discuss any issues raised.

The Department also requests a meeting with you to discuss the matters raised in the Commission's Issues Report. The Department will require additional information from Whitehaven to address some of the issues raised by the Commission, to inform the assessment of the project.

If you have any questions and to arrange a meeting, please contact Rose-Anne Hawkeswood on 9274 6324 or by email [rose-anne.hawkeswood@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rose-anne.hawkeswood@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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