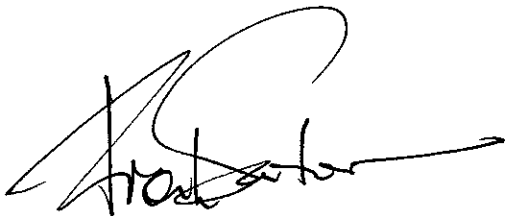


**DIRECTION THAT AN INDEPENDENT PANEL OF EXPERTS BE CONSTITUTED UNDER  
SECTION 75G OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979**

Pursuant to section 75G(1)(a) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, I, the Minister for Planning, direct that a Panel of Experts be constituted with respect to the project described in the Schedule and that the Panel of Experts is to:

1. consider and advise on:
  - a) the following impacts of the project:
    - i) noise and vibration impacts associated with the project;
    - ii) air quality impacts, particularly dust and cumulative dust impacts;
    - iii) ecological impacts, particularly on amphibian and avian species, endangered ecological communities, and surface water and groundwater dependent ecosystems;
  - b) relevant issues raised in submissions in regard to these impacts; and
  - c) the adequacy of the Proponent's response to the issues raised in submissions.



Frank Sartor MP  
**Minister for Planning**

Sydney, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006

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**SCHEDULE**

The application made by Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (06\_0009) for the construction and operation of a coal export terminal and associated infrastructure on Kooragang Island, with capacity of up to 66 million tonnes per annum.