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Dear Minister

**Planning Assessment Commission's Review of the
Moolarben Coal Project, Stage 2 and Stage 1 (MOD 3)**

I refer to the former Minister's direction requesting the Planning Assessment Commission review the above projects and hold public hearings as part of its review.

Mr Brian Gilligan, Mr Garry Payne AM and I constituted the Commission for the project.

The Commission conducted public hearings in Mudgee on Wednesday 26 February 2014. The Commission also considered the submissions made to the Department of Planning and Environment during the exhibition of the Preferred Project Report.

Attached is a copy of the Commission's Review Report. A copy has also been sent to your Department of Planning and Environment.

The Commission has made a number of recommendations to ensure the impacts associated with the mine are appropriately managed, and recommended that the projects could be approved, subject to conditions.

Yours sincerely

Gabrielle Kibble AO
Chair
Planning Assessment Commission