

Direction to the Planning Assessment Commission

Bulli Seam Operations Coal Project

Section 23D(1)(b)(ii) & Schedule 3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; & Part 16B of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*

I, the Minister for Planning:

1. Request the Planning Assessment Commission (the Commission) to:
 - (a) carry out a review of the potential subsidence-related impacts of the Bulli Seam Operations Project on significant natural features, built infrastructure and the values of Sydney's drinking water catchment, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Southern Coalfield Inquiry;
 - (b) advise on the significance and acceptability of these potential impacts, and to recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise, manage, remediate or offset these impacts; and
 - (c) identify and comment on any other significant issues raised in submissions regarding the Bulli Seam Operations Project or during public hearings;
2. Direct that for the purposes of carrying out the review, the Commission is to be constituted of 5 members, being those members specified in Schedule 1; and
3. Direct the Commission to conduct public hearings as part of the review, in the Appin area, during the first quarter of 2010, and to provide its final report (under clause 268V of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*) by 30 April 2010.



The Hon Kristina Keneally MP
Minister for Planning

Sydney 13 November 2009

SCHEDULE 1

1. A member of the Commission, appointed under clause 2 of Schedule 3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as determined by the Chairperson of the Commission;
 2. Professor Jeffrey Bennett;
 3. Emeritus Professor Jim Galvin;
 4. Dr Col Mackie; and
 5. Dr John Tilleard.
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