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Dear Professor O'Kane

**Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 and SSD 7171)**

On 4 December 2018, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, requested the Independent Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Hume Coal Project and associated Berrima Rail Project.

The Minister's request and the Department's Preliminary Assessment Report on the two projects are enclosed.

In accordance with the Minister's terms of reference, the Independent Planning Commission is requested to hold a public hearing as soon as practicable and submit its report on the public hearing within 8 weeks of holding the public hearing, unless otherwise agreed with the Secretary.

If you require any further information, please contact David Kitto, Executive Director, Resource Assessments & Business Systems, on 9274 6487.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Ray  
**Deputy Secretary**  
**Planning Services**

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Enclosures: Minister's Request for Public Hearing  
Preliminary Assessment Report