

Request to the Independent Planning Commission Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project

Section 2.9 (1) (d) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

I, the Minister for Planning, request the Independent Planning Commission to:

1. Conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Hume Coal Project and associate Berrima Rail Project, and:
 - (a) consider the following information:
 - the EIS for the projects;
 - all submissions received on the projects;
 - any relevant expert advice; and
 - any other relevant information;
 - (b) assess the merits of the Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies, and paying particular attention to the:
 - impacts on surface water and groundwater resources, including on private bores;
 - social and economic impacts of the projects on the locality and region; and
 - suitability of the site; and
 - (c) prepare a report summarising the actions taken by the Commission in conducting the public hearing and outlining the Commission's findings on the projects, including any recommendations.
2. Hold the public hearing as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning and Environment provides its preliminary assessment report to the Commission.
3. Submit its report on the public hearing to the Department of Planning and Environment within 8 weeks of holding the public hearing, unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Secretary.



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