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 Oct. 2006

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.