

Request to the Planning Assessment Commission

Cobbora Coal Project

Section 23D(1)(b)(ii) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
Clauses 268R(1)(a) and 268V of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000*.

I, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure request the Planning Assessment Commission to:

1. Carry out a review of the Cobbora Coal Project, and:
 - a) consider the Environmental Assessment of the project, all issues raised in submissions on the project, and any further information provided during the course of the review;
 - b) assess the merits of the project as a whole, paying particular attention to the:
 - the proposed mine plan and final landform, and in particular the proposal to operate three open cut pits concurrently, the management of tailings and waste rock, and the design of the final voids;
 - health and amenity impacts (noise, blasting, air quality and visual) of the project on the surrounding population;
 - biodiversity impacts of the project;
 - water impacts of the project; and
 - social and economic impacts of the project;
 - c) recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and/or offset these impacts.
2. Conduct public hearings during the review.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department by the end of February 2012, unless the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure agrees otherwise.



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