

Request to the Planning Assessment Commission – Rix's Creek Coal Mine Extension Project

Section 23D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
Clauses 268R and 268V of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000*.

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

1. Carry out a review of the Rix's Creek Coal Mine Extension Project, by:
 - a) considering the EIS for the development, the issues raised in submissions, the response to submissions, any other information provided concerning the development by the Applicant and any information provided during the course of the review or as part of the public hearing;
 - b) considering the likely economic, environmental and social impacts of the development in the locality, the region and the State;
 - c) assessing the merits of the development as a whole, having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines; and
 - d) providing recommendations on any additional reasonable and feasible measures that could be implemented to avoid, minimise and/or manage the potential impacts of the development;
2. Hold a public hearing during the review as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning and Environment provides its preliminary assessment report to the Commission; and
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 12 weeks of receiving the Department's preliminary assessment report, unless otherwise agreed with the Secretary of the Department.



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Minister for Planning