## Request to the Planning Assessment Commission Wallarah 2 Coal 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 and Infrastructure request the Planning Assessment Commission to:

- 1. Carry out a review of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, and:
  - a) consider the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's assessment report of the merits of the project;
  - b) consider the EIS for the project, the issues raised in submissions, the formal response to submissions and any other relevant information provided on the project during the course of the review;
  - c) assess the merits of the project as a whole, paying particular attention to potential water and biodiversity impacts of the project; and
  - d) recommend any further measures required to avoid, minimise, and/or manage the potential impacts of the project.
- 2. Conduct public hearings during the review as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning and Infrastructure provides a copy of its assessment report for the project to the Planning Assessment Commission.

3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure within 6 weeks of the public hearings, unless the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure agrees otherwise.

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