

# **Request to the Planning Assessment Commission: Russell Vale Colliery Underground Expansion Project**

**Section 23D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979***

**Clauses 268R and 268V of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000***

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

1. Carry out a review of the Russell Vale Colliery Underground Expansion Project, and:
  - a) consider the EA for the project, the issues raised in submissions, the formal response to submissions, the Preferred Project Report, the Residual Matters Report, the Department of Planning & Environment's preliminary assessment report of the project, and any other relevant information provided on the project to the Commission during the course of the review;
  - b) assess the merits of the project as a whole, paying particular attention to the potential impacts to:
    - upland swamps and water resources (especially Cataract Creek and the stored waters of Cataract Reservoir) resulting from mine subsidence; and
    - residents in the vicinity of the Russell Vale pit top resulting from noise and air emissions and the trucking of product coal;
  - c) apply all relevant NSW Government policies in that consideration and assessment; and
  - d) provide recommendations on any reasonable and feasible measures that could be implemented to avoid, reduce and/or offset the potential impacts of the project.
2. Conduct public hearings on the project no later than 30 January 2015.
3. Complete the review by 20 March 2015, unless the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment agrees otherwise.

**The Hon. Pru Goward MP  
Minister for Planning**



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