

Request to the Planning Assessment Commission Airly 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 Airly Mine Extension Project, and:
 - a) consider the environmental impact statement for the project, the issues raised in submissions, the Commonwealth Independent Expert Scientific Committee's advice, the additional information and response to submissions provided by Centennial Coal, the Department of Planning and Environment's preliminary environmental assessment report, and any other relevant information provided on the project during the review;
 - b) assess the merits of the project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies, and paying particular attention to its potential:
 - o subsidence impacts on the natural values of the Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area, including cliff lines, steep slopes, pagodas and gorges, and any threatened species or endangered ecological communities;
 - o water impacts, including any downstream water quality impacts in the Gardens of Stone National Park; and
 - o social and economic impacts; and if necessary,
 - c) recommend further measures to avoid, minimise, and/or manage the potential impacts of the project.
2. Conduct public hearings during the review.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 10 weeks of receiving the Department's preliminary environmental assessment of the project, unless the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment agrees otherwise.



**The Hon Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning**

Sydney 13th August 2015
