



Ms Carolyn McNally
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
Level 22, 320 Pitt Street
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1 March 2018

Dear Ms McNally,

**Request for an extension of time to submit final report
Review of the United Wambo Coal Mine Project (SSD 7142)**

I refer to the Minister for Planning's request to the Planning Assessment Commission to carry out a review of the United Wambo Coal Mine Project, hold a public hearing during the review, and submit a final report on the review within 12 weeks of the Department's referral.

Ms Lynelle Briggs AO, former chairperson of the Commission, nominated me as chair, Mr John Hann and Mr Tony Pearson to constitute the Commission for the review. The Commission held a public hearing for the review in Singleton on 8 February 2018.

Under the Minister's terms of reference, the Commission's final report is due on 6 March 2018. The Commission expects to finalise its review within the next three weeks, however, the Commission requests your agreement to extend the due date until the end of March 2018 as a contingency to any further unforeseen delays.

The Commission requests an extension due to the complexity of the relevant issues and to allow sufficient time for external legal counsel to review the Commission's report before finalisation.

I trust this arrangement is agreeable to you. Should your Department have any questions, I have arranged for Mr David Koppers, Team Leader, to assist you on 9383 2102.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gordon Kirkby'.

Mr Gordon Kirkby
Member of the Commission (Chair)

cc. The Hon. Anthony Roberts, MP
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