

RIX'S CREEK CONTINUATION PROJECT (SSD 6300)

We're holding a public hearing and encourage you to participate!

The Department of Planning and Environment has now completed its evaluation of the Rix's Creek Continuation Project (SSD 6300) and referred it to us – the Independent Planning Commission NSW – to conduct a Review with Public Hearing, as requested by the Minister for Planning.

The Minister's request to the Commission made under the former section 23D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)* is as follows (the **Minister's Request**):

- 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 recommendation on any additional reasonable and feasible measures that could be implemented to avoid, minimize 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.*

The Commission is taken to be the Planning Assessment Commission for the purposes of the Minister's Request. The members of the Commission appointed to review this State significant development application are Professor Mary O'Kane (Chair), Mr Andrew Hutton, and Mr Tony Pearson.

DETAILS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held at **Charbonnier Hotel, 44 Maitland Road Singleton NSW 2330** at **11:30am on Wednesday, 6 June 2018**.

The subject matter of the public hearing is Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project, now known as the Rix's Creek Continuation Project as described in the Minister's Request.

SPEAKING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

If you wish to apply to speak at the public hearing, you must complete an expression of interest form and return it via email to ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au so that it is received by no later than **12 noon on Monday, 4th June 2018**.

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While the Commission will try to hear from as many people as possible on the day, it may not be possible for everyone who wishes to speak to have the opportunity to do so.

We may therefore use the information you provide to prioritise or group speakers by their level of interest in the project or a common issue or theme. We may also use the information you provide to help us allocate speaking time to individuals and groups.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Anyone can make a written submission to the Commission in respect of the subject matter of the public hearing. The Commission must receive the written submission by no later than **5pm on Wednesday, 13th June 2018**.

Accordingly, if you would like to make a written submission, you can do so by sending the submission to the Commission by:

Email: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

Post: Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street

SYDNEY NSW 2000 Anyone lodging a submission is required to declare if they have made any reportable political donations (including donations of more than \$1,000) in the past two years. For more information, please visit: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations.

WHERE DO I FIND DOCUMENTS

The Minister's Request and other documents, including the Department of Planning and Environment's preliminary assessment report, are now available on the Department's website: www.planning.nsw.gov.au, as well as the Commission's website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au, under **R043/18 Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300)**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From 1 March 2018, the Commission is required to record its public hearings and publish the audio recording or a written transcript of the public hearing on its website. An audio recording of this hearing will be produced for transcription purposes. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Commission's Privacy Statement.

If you're registered to speak at the public hearing, you must ensure your statement and/or presentation is factually correct and otherwise contains expressions of opinion which you honestly hold. You must refrain from making offensive, threatening or defamatory statements, and acknowledge that you understand that your presentation will be recorded and that recording will be published on the Commission's website.

This recording will be made publicly available in accordance with Schedule 2 (25) of the *EP&A Act*. Any views expressed by persons who present to the Panel at this hearing, are not the views of the Panel or any of its employees.

EFFECT ON APPEAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC HEARING

After this public hearing, no appeal may be made under Division 8.3 of the *EP&A Act*, in respect of any future decision made by the Commission as consent authority under the *EP&A Act* in relation to the carrying out of any development that is the subject of this public hearing. See Division 8.3 of the *EP&A Act* for more details.

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