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Dear Mr Bailey

**Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project SSD 6300
Request for information**

I refer to your State significant development application for the Rix's Creek Continuation of Mining Project and the Minister for Planning's request to the Commission dated 12 December 2017 to review the project and hold a public hearing during the review.

As you are aware, the Commission held a public hearing at the Charbonnier Hotel in Singleton on Wednesday, 6 June 2018, at which the Commission heard from 11 speakers, including yourself and a representative from the Department of Planning and Environment.

To assist its review of the project, the Commission now intends to engage Deswick Mining Consultants Pty Ltd to examine and carry out a validation of the *Rix's Creek Mining Options Strategy Review, June 2015* (Clark Davis Consulting) and *Rix's Creek Mine West Pit – Free draining backfilled mine final landform, June 2018* (Clark Davis Consulting).

To facilitate this engagement, the Commission requests from you the following information in an appropriate digital format:

- current topography (or at a logical point in recent time);
- final surface at mining completion;
- lease boundaries, infrastructure position, roads, pipelines, powerlines, any surface feature that creates an operational or physical constraint;
- schedule of quantities on an annual basis;
- surfaces or stage plans of mining and waste dump activity over regular periods;
- wall angles, both interim and final;
- spoil dump and landform angles, both internal and external, for out-of-pit and in-pit dumps, both interim and final;
- pit designs, both interim and final;
- dump designs, both interim and final;
- structural geological model; and
- existing haulage and dump schedule model.

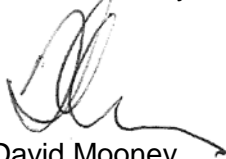
The Commission appreciates that some of this information will be either proprietary information or commercially sensitive, or both, and will be treated as such by both the Commission and Deswick Mining Consultants.

The Commission also intends to engage Ms Corrinne Unger from the University of Queensland to carry out a peer review of the *Rix's Creek Mine Rehabilitation Strategy, 19 August 2015* (AECOM), and relevant parts of the *Revised Response to Submissions, 24 November 2017* (AECOM) to assist the Commission's review.

I have attached for your information the scope of works that the Commission intends to provide, respectively, to Deswick and Ms Unger.

Please feel welcome to telephone Mr Robert Bisley, Senior Planner, on 02 9383 2116 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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