



Our ref: IRF18/2165

Prof. Mary O'Kane
Chairperson
Independent Planning Commission
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Dear Prof. O'Kane

Ashton Coal Mine – South East Open Cut MOD 1 (MP 08_0182)

The Department has received an application from Ashton Coal Pty Limited to modify the project approval for its South East Open Cut project, located in the Singleton Local Government Area.

During exhibition of the application, the Department received 35 public objections. Consequently, the Independent Planning Commission of NSW must determine this application in accordance with the requirements of section 4.5 of the EP&A Act and clause 8A(i) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (State and Regional Development) 2011*.

The key assessment issues relate to existing conditions controlling the commencement of the project and providing for property acquisition. The Department considers the application to be approvable, subject to conditions.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Howard Reed, Director, Resource Assessments, at the Department on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely

29/6/18

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