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Dear Mr Cam

The Chair of the Independent Planning Commission, Professor Mary O’Kane AC, has asked me to reply to your email, dated 14 March 2019, on her behalf.

As you’d be aware, Professor O’Kane appointed a three-member panel of the Commission, comprising Mr Gordon Kirkby (Panel Chair), Ms Wendy Lewin and Mr Stephen O’Connor, to determine the Bylong Coal Project (SSD 6367).

I acknowledge that Council and the local community are keenly awaiting an outcome in this case. Please be advised that the Commission sought additional information, including an independent groundwater review, which has led to some delays in finalising this case.

The Panel is now moving forward with its consideration of the Project and will make its determination in due course.

If you have any further enquiries, I have asked Ms Diana Mitchell, Principal Planning Officer, (02) 9383 2100, to liaise with you directly on my behalf.

Yours sincerely

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(cc Mr Gordon Kirkby)