



**New South Wales Government**  
Independent Planning Commission

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Dear Mr Walkley

The Chair of the Independent Planning Commission, Professor Mary O’Kane AC, has asked that I respond to your letters dated 13 February and 7 March 2019. I apologise for the delay in my response.

I acknowledge the issues raised on behalf of your client, Lock the Gate Alliance, in relation to the Bylong Coal Project (SSD 6367), which is presently before the Commission.

Professor O’Kane has appointed a three-member Panel, comprising Mr Gordon Kirkby (Panel Chair), Ms Wendy Lewin and Mr Stephen O’Connor, to scrutinise this state significant application and make a determination.

Your correspondence has been sent to those commissioners for their consideration. As you would be aware, the Panel is required to publish a Statement of Reasons at the time of determining this Project which will outline all the issues taken into consideration in reaching its decision.

The Commission is committed to making publicly available any new information (from any stakeholder) it receives in relation to this case. In the interest of openness and transparency, any new information will be published on the Commission’s website as soon as practicable after it has been received and reviewed by the Panel. Interested individuals and groups are welcome to provide the Commission written comments on any such new information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SMcLean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Sam McLean**  
**Executive Director – Secretariat**

cc Mr G Kirkby  
Ms W Lewin  
Mr S O’Connor