

7 March 2019

Tony Pearson Chairperson Independent Planning Commission (NSW) for SSD 7142

Dear Mr Pearson,

United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine SSD 7142

As you are aware, the proponent is considering the relevance of the recent judgment in the Rocky Hill case to the IPC's determination in respect of the United Wambo project.

Having regard to some of the comments made in that judgment in relation to market substitution and carbon leakage, the proponent intends to commission an independent expert report to address those matters in the context of the United Wambo project.

In performing this work, the independent expert would use data and analysis which is proprietary in nature and which it considers to be of high commercial value. The independent expert is willing for the IPC to have access to the report on a confidential basis, but is not willing to have that proprietary information enter the public domain, as it considers that to do so would be inconsistent with its business model.

As such, the proponent seeks the IPC's agreement to receive the report on a confidential basis to treat the entire report as commercial-in-confidence. However, the proponent does intend to provide its own submission to the IPC on these matters and the proponent's submission may be placed on the public record.

I look forward to your response to this request.

Kind regards,

