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Independent Planning Commission NSW  
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Dear Mr Hann,

**RE: VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT – OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

The Minister for Planning's request to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for a public hearing for the Vickery Extension Project (the Project) (dated 6 September 2018) requires the IPC to consider '*other relevant information provided to the Commission during this stage of the public hearing*' during identification of key issues for the Project.

It is noted that the ultimate task of the IPC under the Minister's request (as articulated in Item 3c. of the request) is to identify the key issues that require detailed consideration by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in evaluating the merits of the Project. Whitehaven understands that this would be documented in an "Issues Report" as described in the IPC's *Guidelines for a Public Hearing Held in Multiple Stages*.

To assist the IPC in its deliberations, Whitehaven provides (on behalf of Vickery Coal Pty Ltd [the proponent of the Project]) the following information:

- Preliminary responses to issues identified by the DPE in its Preliminary Issues Report, including consideration of the key recommendations of the peer reviews commissioned by DPE (**Enclosure 1**).
- Preliminary responses to submissions received from regulatory agencies following public exhibition of the Project Environmental Impact Statement (**Enclosure 2**).

Whitehaven requests that the IPC considers the information provided in **Enclosures 1 and 2** as '*other relevant information provided to the Commission during this stage of the public hearing*' and trusts that it will assist the IPC with its synthesis of Project key issues from the Preliminary Stage which require detailed consideration by DPE.

If the IPC requires any further information please do not hesitate to contact me via [BCole@whitehavencoal.com.au](mailto:BCole@whitehavencoal.com.au) or (02) 6741 9333.

Yours sincerely,

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*Enclosure 1 - DPE Preliminary Issues Report Responses*

*Enclosure 2 - Agency Submissions Responses*

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**ENCLOSURE 1**

**DPE PRELIMINARY ISSUES REPORT RESPONSES**

**ENCLOSURE 2**

**AGENCY SUBMISSIONS RESPONSES**