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Dear Mr Boyce

Re: Vickery Extension Project

Thank you for your letter, dated 13 January 2020, in relation to the Vickery Extension Project.

As you're aware, the Independent Planning Commission finalised the initial stage of the public hearing into the Project in April last year and published an Issues Report, which identified key issues requiring detailed consideration to ensure a full and thorough final assessment.

The Project is currently back with the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment undergoing a final whole-of-government assessment. It will return to the Commission in due course for determination.

I acknowledge the issues raised in your letter, particularly in relation to the current Voluntary Planning Agreement offer from Whitehaven Coal. Accordingly, I have forwarded your correspondence to Mr John Hann, who is Chair of the Panel appointed to consider the Vickery Extension Project.

We will also keep a copy of the letter on file for further consideration when the Project returns to the Commission for determination.

Yours sincerely

Sam McLean
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