

New South Wales Government Independent Planning Commission

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Mr Brian Cole Executive General Manager Whitehaven Coal

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Dear Mr Cole

Vickery Extension Project

I refer to the reconstitution of the Commission Panel for this project, which was notified on the Commission's website on 3 March 2020.

Commissioner Zada Lipman has been appointed as a new member for the Panel in the place of Professor Garry Willgoose who has withdrawn from the panel for health reasons. Mr John Hann (Chair) and Professor Chris Fell remain on the Panel.

I note that the first stage of public hearings in respect of this project was held over 4-5 February 2019 in Boggabri and Gunnedah NSW, and that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment are currently preparing their Assessment Report.

Commissioner Lipman proposes to review the transcript of the first stage of public hearings and all relevant transcripts and documents prior to the Commission holding the second and final public hearing in respect of this project.

Please advise whether you have any difficulty with this course as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in relation to process, please contact me on 9383 2131 or email <u>ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au.</u>

Yours sincerely

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