

7 December 2018

Professor Mary O'Kane AC
Chair
Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3
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Dear Professor O'Kane

Re: Conflict of Interest Declaration – Vickery Extension Project and previous advice.

I refer to my letter of 6 December 2018 accepting your nomination to participate in the Vickery Extension project. I have been made aware this afternoon of a possible conflict.

I am the Chair of the Northern Regional Advisory committee for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service (WRHS) based in Lismore NSW and I am also a Director of the Board of the WRHS. The Service has three regional contracts with NSW Ambulance to provide aero medical services to the community of NSW. These regions are based around Newcastle, Lismore and Tamworth.

I have been advised today that the applicant for the Vickery extension project Whitehaven Coal Pty Ltd are one of a number of sponsors of the Tamworth regional service. As Whitehaven was not a service wide sponsor or a Lismore region sponsor I was not previously aware of this fact.

Under the circumstances I consider it would not be appropriate for me to continue to participate in the Vickery Extension project assessment. The WRHS is a charity therefore my directorship is voluntary and I do not have any direct involvement with sponsorship or fund raising in the Tamworth region however I wish to avoid any real or perceived conflicts that may occur.

I regret this situation has occurred but trust this updated declaration clarifies my situation and an alternative Commissioner can be appointed for this role.

Yours sincerely



Peter Duncan AM
Director
Duncan Advisory Services.