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Hi Megan,

My apologies, I was confirming with the Panel their availability and one Commissioner is not available for the proposed time below. We're now looking at Wednesday 15 May at 9 am, however I am still waiting on one to confirm availability for this time.

My apologies about the run around!

Regards,

Dennis.

From: Dennis Lee
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2019 11:05 AM
To: Megan Dawson <Megan.Dawson@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Points for the Resources Regulator

Hi Megan,

Great to speak with you just now. I apologise for the very short timeframe in organising this, however this is the only time the Panel are all available for a meeting with the Resources Regulator. I appreciate you asking on our behalf on short notice.

Below is a draft of the agenda that will come through as I may tweak it a little further as I refine on letterhead, but the content and what is asked for will remain the same:

The Independent Planning Commission is assessing the modification to the Rix's Creek South Coal Mine DA49/94 (mod 10) where The Bloomfield Group, the Applicant, is seeking approval to extend the approved period of coal extraction at Rix's Creek South Coal Mine, which is due to expire on 24 June 2019, by 9 months. The purpose of this modification is to allow for the continuation of mining at Rix's Creek South Coal Mine while the assessment of a new State significant development application, SSD 6300, which would extend mining operations for a further 21 years, is finalised and determined.

The Commissioners appointed are: Mary O'Kane (Chair), Andrew Hutton and Tony Pearson. The Commission would like to meet with the Resources Regulator to understand the current conditions around the expiry of the approved period for coal extraction 24 June 2019. The Commission would like:

- a verbal summary of the gaps between the current mine closure plan and current best practice mine closure;
- to understand the level of planning currently undertaken at Rix's Creek South with the

expiry of the approved period for coal extraction 24 June 2019 ; and

- to understand the residual risks and opportunities as per the Department's Assessment Report (p9-10): "... the Resources Regulator determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes could be achieved under existing consent conditions and that any residual risks or opportunities could be effectively regulated through conditions on the mining leases issued under the Mining Act 1992"

If you have any questions or want to discuss this further, please feel free to give me a call.

Regards,

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