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Dear Mr Newton,

**Rix's Creek South Coal Mine Modification 10 (DA 49/94 MOD10)  
Request for meeting**

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 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*"

The Commission would like to organise a teleconference for Monday 20 May 2019 notionally at 12:00 pm to work through the above points with you. The timing, however may be later in the afternoon, scheduling of the public meeting prior depending. I appreciate your flexibility in this timing.

To confirm availability or if you have any questions, please contact Dennis Lee, Team Leader on 9995 6331 or [dennis.lee@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dennis.lee@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Regards,

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