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Hello,

It is my understanding that the IPC has extended the deadline to comment on the additional information from the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment.

Before I continue with my comments on that, I would like to take the opportunity to express my own personal disappointment in the process and its failures of last week. I read in the media that I am not alone on this, but wanted to express my view to you.

I am responsible for human resources as part of my role at Bloomfield - the wellbeing of our people is paramount to all of us at the business. We pride ourselves on some programs to promote the awareness of mental health that we have within our organisation and how we put mental health on the agenda of our business. The six year journey of this process is draining on so many resources – from a work capacity, but more specifically a mental exhaustion perspective. With a growing trend in mental health matters, we need to ensure that we are considering the impact processes like this can have on people in businesses, not to mention the impact that what may be labelled as a “simple error” can have on a team on a Friday afternoon of a long weekend. I trust that the appropriate measures have been put in place for your business to put mental health on the agenda and consider it within all the business practices that you have.

An exhaustive and comprehensive review of the Project over an extended period has resulted in multiple recommendations that the project “is in the public interest and is approvable, subject to strict conditions” from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The information on which the IPC is seeking comment relates almost entirely to information that has been previously available and supports the approval of the project.

Some of the questions raised by the IPCN and information requested by the IPCN appear to be outside of scope of the NSW Planning framework and not aligned with NSW Government Policy.

With all of the studies and reports that have been undertaken on the project, it is difficult to imagine that something new could arise that would justify a change in the decision that the IPCN made in granting approval for the project on the 4 October.

I urge the IPCN to approve The Rix’s Creek South Continuation of Mining Project (SSD 6300) without further delay and with consideration to the mental health of all of those involved in this exhaustive and extensive process.

Regards,



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