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Subject: Eraring Power Station Ash Dam Expansion Modification 1

To,

Independent Planning Commission NSW,

Panel comprised of Professor Mary O'Kane, Peter Duncan and Professor Alice Clark,

I am writing on behalf of the Hunter Community Environment Centre to request that the Panel appointed to decide on the *Eraring Power Station Ash Dam Expansion Modification 1*, reconsider holding a public meeting in relation to the proposal.

We are aware that the initial proposal received an insufficient number of objections to result in a public meeting, however the community interest and concern in ash waste storage and management practices, and knowledge of the expansion proposal has increased dramatically after the submission period ended, due to the closure of Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre.

We have witnessed this significant growth in community interest upon the closure of the Recreation Centre, ranging from concerns about the scale of the site, ash toxicity, water contamination and leachate issues, reuse rates and purposes, ash transportation and truck movements as well as dam wall integrity.

We believe a public meeting to address and air some of these concerns to the Panel, would be of immense value and is justified by the level of actual community interest in the expansion proposal, as well as the on-going management of ash waste, which may not have been captured by the submission process.

The Coal-Ash Community Alliance is a local residents group who formed just after the Myuna Bay Centre was closed, and are pursuing these community concerns with local and State Government.

There are other groups and individuals in the region who share similar concerns, and we believe they would attend a public meeting, hence this request to reconsider the decision not to hold one.

Regards,

Jo Lynch

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