



14 June 2020

Mr Stephen O'Donoghue
Director, Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment

via email: Stephen.ODonoghue@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr O'Donoghue,

Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480)

I write in relation to the above application which is currently before the Independent Planning Commission for public hearing and determination. The Commission would be assisted in its consideration of the application and the Department's Assessment Report by clarification of the matters outlined below:

Noise

The application of the VLAMP, particularly in terms of the intended operation of the recommended noise conditions (specifically in relation to Table 1).

Final Landform

How the expert advice cited was considered in determining the costing and feasibility of the no new void option and acceptability of the final void.

Emplacement of Overburden

How the impacts of emplacement of overburden on the clay dominated alluvium were considered and will be monitored, including how the views of the then Department of Industry - Water were taken into account.

Water Licences

Clarification of the expected operational consequences when water availability is restricted.

Road Transport

Clarification of the expected timing of the reduction in road transport of coal.

Rehabilitation

The intended regulatory response in the event that the ecological rehabilitation standard for which biodiversity credits have been generated is not able to be achieved.

Conditions

An overview of any consultation regarding the recommended conditions of consent and significant issues raised.

The Commission would be grateful if the Department could address these matters at its meeting with the Commission on 18 June 2020.



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Independent Planning Commission

If you have any questions, I have asked Mr Brad James, bradley.james@ipcn.nsw.gov.au to liaise directly with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SM' followed by a flourish.

Sam McLean
Executive Director