



Mr Peter Duncan  
Acting Chair  
Independent Planning Commission  
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Dear Mr Duncan

**Shoalhaven Starches Ethanol Expansion Project Modification 18  
Hand Sanitiser Production 06\_0228-MOD-18**

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the modification application for the Shoalhaven Starches Ethanol Expansion Project Modification 18 (06\_0228-MOD-18).

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 9 March 2020, the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, as a political donation made by the proponent.

The Department did not exhibit the application and accompanying Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) but made the application publicly available on the Department's website on 20 May 2020 and was referred to Council and public authorities for comment.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the modification, submissions on the SEE, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site for the project, and the public interest, in accordance with the EP&A Act.

Based on its assessment, the Department believes that the project is approvable subject to modified conditions.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and all other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

For any further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Chris Ritchie, Director Industry Assessments, on (02) 9274 6413 or by [chris.ritchie@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:chris.ritchie@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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