



Ms Lynelle Briggs  
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Planning Assessment Commission  
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Dear Ms Briggs

**Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764)**

On 20 October 2016, the Minister for Planning directed the Planning Assessment Commission to carry out a review of the merits of the Wilpinjong Extension Project and to hold public hearings during the review. A copy of the Minister's terms of reference is attached.

The Department has completed its preliminary assessment of the merits of the project. I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report for the Commission's consideration.

During the assessment of the project, the Department received 752 submissions, including 11 from government agencies, 30 from special interest groups and 711 from the general public.

I can advise you that none of the government agencies objected to the project. Of the public and special interest group submissions, 633 formally objected, 105 were supportive, and the remaining 3 made comments on the project, although only 27 of these submissions were from the local area.

In accordance with the Minister's terms of reference for the project, the Commission is requested to hold a public hearing as soon as practicable, and provide its final report to the Department within 10 weeks of the date of this letter, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise.

Yours sincerely

David Gainsford  
A/Deputy Secretary  
Planning Services

*3/11/16*

# Request to the Planning Assessment Commission Wilpinjong Extension Project

Section 23D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*  
Clauses 268R and 268V of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*

I, the Minister for Planning, request the Planning Assessment Commission to:

1. Carry out a review of the Wilpinjong Extension Project, and:
  - (a) consider the EIS for the project, all issues raised in public and agency submissions, and any information provided on the project during the course of the review;
  - (b) assess the merits of the project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies, paying particular attention to the impacts of the project on Wollar village; and, if necessary;
  - (c) recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and /or manage significant impacts of the project.
2. Conduct public hearings during the review as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning and Environment provides its preliminary assessment report to the Commission.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 10 weeks of receiving the Department's preliminary assessment report, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise.



**The Hon Rob Stokes MP  
Minister for Planning**

Sydney *20th October* 2016

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