



Ms Lynelle Briggs
Chair
Planning Assessment Commission
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Dear Ms Briggs

Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764)

Thank you for providing the Department with the Commission's Review Report on the Wilpinjong Extension Project, dated December 2016.

The Department has now completed its assessment of the merits of the project and a copy of the Department's Final Assessment Report and recommended conditions are contained within the attached file.

The Final Assessment Report focuses on responding to the 31 recommendations made in the Commission's Review Report and should be considered in conjunction with the Department's Preliminary Assessment Report of November 2016.

To help inform its consideration of the Commission's recommendations the Department sought a response from the Applicant and the further advice from key government agencies.

The Department maintains its recommendation that the benefits of the project outweigh its costs, and that the project is approvable subject to stringent conditions.

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the project is now referred to the Commission for determination, as there were more than 25 submissions in the nature of objections to the project.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Mr Mike Young, Director Resource Assessments, at the Department. Mr Young can be contacted on (02) 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Secretary
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