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Dear Prof O'Kane

**Tahmoor North Coal Mine Modification 4 (DA 67/98)**

The Department has received an application from SIMEC (Australia) Mining Pty Ltd (SIMEC) to modify the development consent for its Tahmoor North Coal Mine, located in the Wollondilly Shire local government area.

During exhibition of the application, the Department received five submissions from NSW Government agencies and one submission from a member of the public.

Under the Minister for Planning's instrument of delegation dated 11 October 2017 the Minister has delegated his function under section 75W down to 'Executive Directors who report to the Deputy Secretary, Planning Services'. However, this is relevant only where, 'a political disclosure statement has not been made' or 'a political disclosure statement has been made, but only in respect of a previous related application'.

The Independent Planning Commission of NSW (IPC) must determine the application, as reportable political donations have previously been declared by Glencore Coal.

The key assessment issues relate to subsidence. The Department considers the application to be approvable, subject to conditions.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Jessie Evans, Team Leader, Resource Assessments, at the Department on 9274 6419.

Yours sincerely

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