



New South Wales Government  
Independent Planning Commission

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Dear Mr Duncan

**Hume Coal Project (SSD 7172) and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7171)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 January 2019 to the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) regarding the Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects. Professor Chris Fell, Chair of the Panel has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Commission notes your concerns regarding the Commission's intention to conduct a separate meeting with Coal Free Southern Highlands (**CFSH**).

Two of the Commission's key values are independence and engagement. One of the principal methods to achieve these is through open and transparent participation with all stakeholders, including applicants, special interest groups and members of the public. The Commission will consider any representations made to it that improve public engagement and consultation. This includes requests for separate meetings where adequate justification for such need is provided. In this case, the Commission Panel has determined that adequate justification has been provided by CFSH to warrant a separate meeting.

CFSH requested the separate meeting with the Commission Panel by way of email on 7 January 2018 (attached as requested). This was considered and approved by the Panel Chair and confirmed verbally with CFSH the same day. The meeting will be taking place at the Commission offices at 201 Elizabeth Street, commencing at 3:30pm on Monday 11 February 2019. All meeting agendas (including the list of attendees) will be made publicly available on the Commission's website at the same time the meeting transcript is published.

The Commission has considered your request for two company representatives and relevant experts to attend this meeting as observers. The Commission has determined to deny your request as all material presented to the Commission during the meeting, and a full transcript of the meeting will be made publicly available on the Commission website.

I trust this information assists. Should you require further clarification please contact David Koppers – Team Leader on 9383 2100.

Regards



Samantha McLean  
Executive Director