



Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
Level 22, 320 Pitt Street
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Jim
Dear Mr Betts

**Request for an extension of time to submit response report
Ministers Request for the Hume Coal Project (SSD 7172) and Berrima Rail Project
(SSD 7171)**

I refer to the Minister for Planning's request dated 4 December 2018 to the Independent Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and submit a report to the Department of Planning and Environment within eight weeks of holding the public hearing.

I nominated Professor Chris Fell AM (Chair), George Gates, Geoff Sharrock and Annelise Tuor to constitute the Commission to undertake the Ministers request.

The Commission held its public hearing on 26 and 27 February 2019 and under the Minister's request the Commission's report is due on 24 April 2019.

The Commission requests your agreement to extend the due date until 30 May 2019.

The Commission requests the extended due date owing to the complexity of the issues that require consideration, further engagement of Government agencies and the high level of public interest in the projects.

I trust this arrangement is agreeable to you. Should you have any questions, I have arranged for Samantha McLean, Executive Director, Independent Planning Commission Secretariat, to assist you on 9383 2131.

Yours sincerely


Mary O'Kane
Chair

17/4/19

cc. The Hon Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces