



12th February 2021

Prof. Richard Mackay AM, Prof. Chris Fell AM
Independent Planning Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street,
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Commissioners,

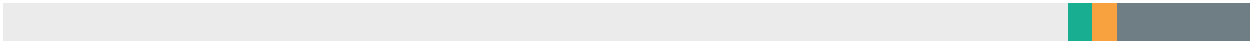
RE: Tahmoor South Coal Project SSD

I am writing to express my support for the Tahmoor South Project State Significant Development currently before the IPC for determination.

Tahmoor Colliery has played an important role in my life since I was 17 years old, where I was leaving school and lucky enough for it to afford me the opportunity to complete an Electrical apprenticeship. In the 12 years since, the significance of this colliery to me has only grown, to the point where it cannot be overstated. The lessons and values that the place, and the people within it have taught me are invaluable, so much so that I don't believe I would be the person I am today without them.

Honesty, Integrity, Accountability and doing what is right are just some of the principles this place has engrained in me, and only because they have been engrained in the culture at the Colliery over the past 45 years. This colliery has supported me in growing personally and professionally, having allowed me to complete my Electrical Engineering, Graduate Diploma and MBA qualifications. I have worked at a number of mining operations during my career and believe there isn't one quite as good as Tahmoor.

I truly believe that Tahmoor Colliery provides a net positive benefit to the Local Community, NSW and Australia as whole and the Tahmoor South Project will continue this



benefit. The world is forever changing and risk mitigating measures must be implemented to ensure it remains prosperous for generations to come. I believe Tahmoor Colliery can still provide a positive balance between economic, social, environmental and ethical aspects and that we have the right people, resources and expertise to ensure Tahmoor Colliery continues to provide this. I wouldn't work for a place that goes against my values, my beliefs and moral compass, and honestly believe that Tahmoor Coking Coal can continue to positively contribute to us and will execute its social responsibility to ensure sustainability for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Chapman', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ben Chapman