SECOND AND UPDATED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Coalpac Consolidation Project
Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen

The Honourable Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, pursuant to section 23D(1)(b)(ii) and Schedule 3 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, has directed the Planning Assessment Commission to be constituted to review the Coalpac Consolidation Project at Cullen Bullen within the Lithgow City Council area.

Due to an unforeseen potential conflict of interest Ms Jan Murrell has withdrawn from the Commission and has been replaced by another member of the Commission. The Commission now comprises:

- Dr Neil Shepherd AM (Chair)
- Mr Garry Payne AM
- Mr Joe Woodward PSM

The terms of reference for the Commission are:

To carry out a review of the Coalpac Consolidation Project, and:

a. Consider the Environmental Assessment of the project, all issues raised in submissions on the project, and any information provided on the project during the course of the review;
b. Assess the merits of the project as a whole, paying particular attention to the potential:
   - Local health and amenity impacts of the project, particularly dust, noise and blasting impacts noting its proximity to the village;
   - Biodiversity impacts of the project;
   - Water resource impacts of the project; and
c. recommends appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and/or offset these impacts.

As directed by the Minister, public hearings will be held on the project. The hearings will commence at 9.00 am on Wednesday, 19 September 2012 at The Lithgow & District Workmen’s Club, 3-7 Tank Street, Lithgow and continue if required.

A second hearing session is now also scheduled between 9.00am and 12.00pm on Thursday, 20 September 2012 at the Cullen Bullen Progress Association Hall, 37-39 Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen. Please note the second hearing session is intended primarily for local residents in Cullen Bullen that have difficulty attending the public hearings in Lithgow, and there will be limited audio-visual facilities available.

The hearings will be open to the public.

All previous submissions made to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure have been forwarded to the Commission for its consideration. The proponent’s response to submissions has also now been submitted and it is available on the Department's website www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

If you made a submission to the Department and wish to speak at the public hearings, please call Mrs Greyce Fernandes on 9383 2112 or email pac@pac.nsw.gov.au on or before Wednesday, 12 September 2012 to register to speak.

Those who did not make a submission to the Department of Planning and wish to make a written submission to the Commission should send their submission to Ms Sera Taschner (see contact details below) by Wednesday, 12 September 2012. If you also wish to speak at the public hearing, please clearly indicate this on the first page of your submission, or contact Mrs Greyce Fernandes to register.

Persons lodging submissions are required to declare political donations (including donations of more than $1,000) made in the previous two years. For more details including a disclosure form go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations.

The Commission will report its findings and recommendations to the Minister.

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Please note that all documents provided to the Commission are public documents and may be made publicly available on the Commission’s website, unless you have clearly indicated that you do not wish your submission to be made public. For submissions made by individuals, the individual’s personal contact details, other than their name, will be removed from the submission before it is published.