

# Request to the Planning Assessment Commission Russell Vale Colliery Underground Expansion Project

Section 23D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*  
Clauses 268R and 268V of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*

I, the Minister for Planning, request the Planning Assessment Commission to:

1. Carry out a review of the Russell Vale Colliery Underground Expansion Project (MP 09\_0013) by considering:
  - a) the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) Amendment (Significance of Resource) 2015* as amended on 2 September 2015;
  - b) the Department of Planning and Environment's addendum to its original environmental assessment report and recommended conditions for the project;
  - c) the likely economic, environmental and social impacts of the development in the locality, in the region and for the State,
  - d) any submissions made to the Planning Assessment Commission as part of the public hearings held in relation to this review; and
  - e) any submissions made by the applicant to the Planning Assessment Commission on the matters the subject of this review.
2. Hold a public hearing on matters arising from or relevant to the review as soon as practicable.
3. Complete the review and provide a final report to the Department of Planning and Environment containing any findings and recommendations within 5 weeks of receiving the Department's addendum report, unless the Secretary of the Department agrees otherwise.



**The Hon. Robert Stokes MP**  
**Minister for Planning**

Sydney 23rd October, 2015.

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