

Request to the Planning Assessment Commission Bylong Coal 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 Bylong Coal Project, and:
 - (a) consider the EIS for the project, additional information provided to the Department, all issues raised in public and agency submissions, and any relevant information provided during the course of the review;
 - (b) assess the merits of the project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies, and paying particular attention to:
 - the impacts on the water and agricultural resources of the Bylong Valley;
 - the social impacts on the Bylong village and surrounds;
 - impacts on heritage values associated with the Tarwyn Park property, including natural sequence farming; and
 - the justification for the open cut stage of the project; and, if necessary;
 - (c) recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and /or manage significant impacts of the project.
2. Conduct public hearings during the review as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning and Environment provides its preliminary assessment report to the Commission.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 12 weeks of receiving the Department's preliminary assessment report, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise.



**The Hon Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning**

Sydney

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