

Introduction

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The Commission seeks the services of a highly qualified consultant to provide expert advice on the **mine schedule and final landform** aspects of the project.

Scope of work

Evaluate the *Rix's Creek Mining Options Strategy Review, June 2015* (Clark Davis Consulting), *Rix's Creek Mine West Pit – Free draining backfilled mine final landform, June 2018* (Clark Davis Consulting) and additional data provided, including the mine's geological model, and

- validate the options analysis provided in the two reports; and
- make recommendations for the Commission to consider.

The evaluation should be high level, and should help the Commission to establish whether the mine has achieved its stated objectives, which include:

- minimising out-of-pit dump requirements, spoil rehandling and haulage;
- minimising final pit void size; and
- avoiding geotechnical risks to the New England Highway.

Deliverable

- A final report with findings and recommendations for the Commission to consider, and which can be published on the Commission's website;
- A confidential report attachment dealing with commercially sensitive and/or proprietary information, which is to be made available to the applicant and the Commission, but not published on the Commission's website;
- An initial scope of work teleconference with Commissioners and Commission staff;
- An optional face-to-face meeting in Sydney with the Commissioners and Commission staff to discuss the report recommendations.

Request for quotation

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- Your response should indicate a timeframe for delivery;
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Evaluate the *Rix's Creek Mine Rehabilitation Strategy, 19 August 2015* (AECOM), and relevant parts of the *Revised Response to Submissions, 24 November 2017* (AECOM), and:

- peer review the strategy and revised response to submissions; and
- make recommendations for the Commission to consider.

The evaluation should be high level, and have regard to:

- current NSW Government policy for mine rehabilitation and closure planning; and
- contemporary practices in setting rehabilitation objectives, establishing final land forms, final post mining land uses, managing residual risks, and engaging stakeholders as part of the rehabilitation planning process.

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