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**Sent:** Friday, 20 July 2018 3:28 PM  
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**Cc:** Jorge Van Den Brande  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to IPC to visit Upper Hunter Studs.

Good afternoon Hellen

Thank you for your email, I have referred your email onto the Chair for further consideration, and in this instance the Chair has elected not to take up the offer of a site inspection.

Regards

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**Subject:** Invitation to IPC to visit Upper Hunter Studs.

Dear David

We refer to your email seeking further information on Dr Collin's request for Commissioners to visit our industry in the Upper Hunter. Our thanks also to Jorge for his guidance and advice.

We have read the guidance attached to your email and provide the following advice for your and Commissioners' consideration:

1. Our multi-billion dollar industry in the Upper Hunter is recognised by the NSW Government as an Equine Critical Industry cluster and nationally and state significant.
2. It will be directly affected (visually, acoustically, dynamically, reputationally, via diminished air quality and dust deposition, dust plumes, increased mine related structures and transport) by the commencement of an open cut coal mine at the Mount Pleasant site.
3. The two studs closest to Mt Pleasant, are Godolphin's Kelvinside (immediately north) and Newgate (formerly known as Brooklyn Lodge) (north east).

\* Newgate, their employees, visitors and clients will be affected via direct (and indirect) visual impacts of the workings of the Mount Pleasant open cut mine in addition to the direct and indirect impacts cited above.

\* Kelvinside, their residents, employees, clients and visitors, will be subjected to the impacts of noise, dust deposition, air quality degradation and indirect visual and dynamic impacts of mining including dust plumes, increased mine related traffic etc.

4. It is noteworthy that the Kelvinside stud, owned by Godolphin, is recognised as a pivotal player in the equine critical industry cluster due to:

- \* the key role stallions play at the heart of the thoroughbred breeding business model;
- \* Godolphin being one of the largest Australian and global players in the industry;
- \* the fact that Godolphin is an industry investment leader - any impacts that may impact on their operations and future investment (or disinvestment decisions) will affect broodmare investors, negatively impact on broodmare farms, and impact on the domestic and international reputation of Australia's premier thoroughbred breeding industry located in the Hunter Valley.

5. Given the importance of the industry to the region, state and Australian nation (snapshot attached) and the industry's reputation for breeding elite equine athletes in a clean, green, serene environment, we strongly encourage Commissioners to see first hand the inner workings of the key studs closest to the Mt Pleasant proposed open cut mine, and take into consideration in their deliberations, the environment in which they currently operate and the visual and other environmental impacts of the proposed Mt Pleasant open cut mine.

6. The attached map shows the proximity of Kelvinside and Newgate (previously Brooklyn Lodge and cited as such on the map) to Mt Pleasant Mine. Kelvinside is the closest stud and Newgate the second closest stud to the mine. The impacts of this mine however would also flow through to the Segenhoe Valley where many studs and broodmare farms are situated.

7. If it is of assistance, we would be pleased to put a draft itinerary together for Commissioners prior to a visit to these studs.

We look forward to your response and the opportunity to provide the Commissioners with a first hand view of the operations of our studs and the impacts presented by coal mining in approximate area.

Kind regards

Hellen

