



New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

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Dear Mr Ray

Thank you for providing me the correspondence sent 15 August 2019 from Mr Jim Betts, Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, to Mr Tony Pearson, Chair of the Commission Panel for the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project.

I have spoken to the Chair of the Panel pointing out this is an explanation of Government policy and policy intent in relation to greenhouse gas emissions and the interpretation of Clause 14 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007* and, as such, should be given due consideration by the Panel.

Yours sincerely

Mary O'Kane
Chair

16/8/19