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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of my Clients Messrs Barlow and McIlveen to invite the IPC to study the attached Judgement by Justice Preston, Chief Judge of the Land & Environment Court, handed down today 8th February 2019 regarding the Rocky Hill Coal Project and apply the same logic, reasoning and outcome to the proposed Vickery 'Extension' Project.

Paragraph 8 of the Judgement reads:

"8 I have determined that GRL's development application for the Rocky Hill Coal Project should be refused. The mine will have significant adverse impacts on the visual amenity and rural and scenic character of the valley, significant adverse social impacts on the community and particular demographic groups in the area, and significant impacts on the existing, approved and likely preferred uses of land in the vicinity of the mine. The construction and operation of the mine, and the transportation and combustion of the coal from the mine, will result in the emission of greenhouse gases, which will contribute to climate change. These are direct and indirect impacts of the mine. The costs of this open cut coal mine, exploiting the coal resource at this location in a scenic valley close to town, exceed the benefits of the mine, which are primarily economic and social. Development consent should be refused."

We request the IPC refuse approval of the Vickery Coal Project for the same reasons as they are equally relevant.

Furthermore, we request the IPC address the applicability and relevance of the judgment above in its report arising from the Public Hearings held on 4th and 5th February 2019.

Kind regards,

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