



26 March 2019

Mr Ken Crawford

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Dear Mr Crawford

I write in response to your email, dated 18 March 2019, about the Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480).

I acknowledge your request to meet with the Chair of the Commission, Professor Mary O’Kane AC, to discuss this case. Unfortunately, this will not be possible as Professor O’Kane is not on the Panel considering this state significant development application.

Professor O’Kane has appointed Commissioners Hann (Panel Chair), Fell and Willgoose to conduct the Multi-Stage Public Hearing into this Project, as per the Minister’s request.


In a letter to you, dated 30 January this year, Ms Anna Summerhayes, Acting Executive Director, advised that you could present your views to the Panel – either in person at the preliminary stage of the multi-stage public hearing to be held in Boggabri on 4 February or Gunnedah on 5 February; or by way of written submission to the Commission.

I note that you did not take up the opportunity to present to the Panel at the public hearing. Your written correspondence and accompanying material have been forwarded to the Panel for its consideration.

As you mentioned, in the interest of openness and transparency, the Commission has published additional material from Whitehaven Coal (the Applicant) on its website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au. Please note that members of the public can continue to send the Commission written comments on this or any other new material via post or email.

Should you have any further questions, I have asked Ms Diana Mitchell, Principal Planning Officer, (02) 9383 2100, to liaise with you directly on my behalf.

Yours sincerely


Sam McLean
Executive Director – Secretariat

(cc Mr John Hann)