



1 April 2019

Mr Paul Flynn
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Dear Mr Flynn

The Chair of the Independent Planning Commission, Professor Mary O’Kane AC, has asked me to respond to your letter, dated 26 March 2019, regarding the Vickery Extension Project.

As you’d be aware, Professor O’Kane has appointed Commissioners Hann (Panel Chair), Fell and Willgoose to carry out the Multi-stage Public Hearing into this matter.

I can confirm the additional information from Whitehaven Coal has been forwarded to the Panel for its consideration. This has also been published on the Commission’s website:
<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2018/11/vickery-extension-project>

I acknowledge your disappointment that the Commission has sought a further extension until 30 April 2019 to provide its Issues Report to the Department of Planning & Environment.

The Commission is endeavouring to complete the preliminary stage of the Multi-stage Public Hearing into the Vickery Extension Project in a timely manner; however, given the high level of community interest in this Project, the Commission’s primary concern is to ensure its evaluation of the key issues is full and thorough.

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)