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Dear Emeritus Professor O'Kane

Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480)

On 6 September 2018, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning requested the Independent Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Vickery Extension Project.

The Vickery Extension Project and EIS is currently on public exhibition until 25 October 2018. Once the exhibition period ends, the Department will collate submissions and make them publicly available on the Department's website. It is expected that the submissions would be available by 2 November.

In accordance with the Minister's terms of reference for the project, the Commission is requested to hold a public hearing as soon as practicable after the public exhibition of the EIS and provide a report to the Department within 12 weeks of the submissions being published on the Department's website, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

Following the close of the exhibition, the Department will also be preparing a Strategic Issues Report for the Commission's consideration and would be available to provide a briefing prior to the public hearing.

If you require any further information please contact Mike Young, A/ Executive Director, Resource Assessments & Business Systems, on 8217 2091.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Ray
Deputy Secretary
Planning Services

15/10/2018
Attachment 1: Minister's Request for Public Hearing

Request to the Independent Planning Commission Vickery Extension Project

Section 2.9 (1) (d) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

I, the Minister for Planning, request the Independent Planning Commission to:

1. Conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Vickery Extension Project as soon as practicable after the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.
2. Consider the following information:
 - a. EIS for the project;
 - b. submissions on the project;
 - c. any relevant expert advice; and
 - d. any other relevant information.
3. Publish a report to the Department of Planning and Environment within 12 weeks of the submissions being published on the Department's website, unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Secretary, that:
 - a. sets out the actions taken by the Commission in conducting this initial stage of the public hearing;
 - b. summarises the submissions made during the public exhibition of the EIS and any other relevant information provided to the Commission during this stage of the public hearing; and
 - c. identifies the key issues requiring detailed consideration by the Department of Planning and Environment in evaluating the merits of the project under section 4.6 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



**The Hon Anthony Roberts MP
Minister for Planning**