



IRF19/225

Professor Mary O'Kane  
Chair  
Independent Planning Commission  
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Dear Prof O'Kane,

**Liddell Coal Mine – Modification 7 (DA 305-11-01 MOD 7)**

The Department has received an application from Liddell Coal Operations Pty Limited (Liddell Coal) to modify the development consent for the Liddell Open Cut Coal Mine under the former section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The mine, which is located north-west of Singleton and south-east of Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter Valley, is an open cut operation with approval to operate until 31 December 2028. The modification proposes a minor adjustment in the consent's northern boundary to allow for remediation works to stabilise an area of steep unstable land previously disturbed by mining.

The Independent Planning Commission must determine this application because an entity related to Liddell Coal, Glencore Australia Holdings Pty Ltd, has declared a reportable political donation.

Based on its assessment, the Department considers that the modification is approvable, subject to recommended conditions. To assist you with your determination, I have enclosed the Department's assessment package.

If you have any more questions, please contact Howard Reed, Director Resource Assessments on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely

**Marcus Ray**  
Deputy Secretary  
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