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Dear Professor O'Kane

**Tahmoor South Coal Project (SSD 8445)**

On 15 January 2019, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning requested the Independent Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Tahmoor South Coal Project.

The Tahmoor South Coal Project and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be on public exhibition from 23 January until 5 March 2019. 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 12 March 2019.

In accordance with the Minister's terms of reference for the project, the Commission is requested to hold a preliminary public hearing as soon as practicable after the public exhibition of the EIS.

Following the close of exhibition, the Department will prepare a Preliminary Issues Report for the Commission's consideration in identifying key issues and would be available to provide a briefing prior to the public hearing.

The Minister's terms of reference require that the Commission provide a report to the Department within 10 weeks of the Department's Preliminary Issues Report being published on its website, unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise.

If you require any further information please contact Howard Reed, Director, Resource Assessments, on 9274 6308.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1: Minister's Request for Public Hearing