



1 April 2020

The Secretariat
Office of the Independent Planning Commission of NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth St
SYDNEY NSW 2000

The Secretariat

Re: Tahmoor South Coal Project [SSD 8445]: No Mine at Bargo campaign

I wish to you make you aware of some information that we think is relevant to the Tahmoor South Coal Project.

To date, there has been a 'No Mine at Bargo' campaign ("Campaign") that appeared to be created and run by anonymous individual(s) that we believe was aimed at influencing community sentiment unfavourably towards SIMEC's proposal for Tahmoor South. This proposal is the subject of a public hearing by the NSW Independent Planning Commission.

The Campaign has generated correspondence and petitions which we understand have been sent to Members of Parliament and Ministers as well as the distribution of contact details of officers in the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to the Tahmoor community.

Our view, is that the person or persons behind the Campaign has deployed considerable funds signposting and letterboxing the community with what we believe to be unsupportable claims. These claims, on a plain reading and certainly in our view, are highly critical of the project, SIMEC and the NSW Government.

Since the campaign established a digital footprint¹, we now understand that one or more of the Campaign's proponent(s) includes a holding company known as Ironlaw Pty Ltd. Our understanding is that Ironlaw Pty Ltd is owner of a parcel of land in Bargo that is currently the subject of an application to re-zone the land for residential development². This entity has previously lodged a submission³ opposing the project to the Secretary of the Department of Planning in March 2019.

We are concerned that the proponents may be seeking to advance a private commercial opportunity by purporting to consist predominantly of a group of local inhabitants concerned about local amenity.

It is our understanding that development interests and developers have the opportunity to make submissions via the IPC process which will also afford them the opportunity to do so again.

In considering statements from the 'No Mine at Bargo' campaign we would ask you to keep this information (as we understand it) in mind and are of the view that bringing this information to your attention will assist the public IPC process to remain robust and transparent.

¹ 'No Mine at Bargo' website: <https://bargo.net.au/>

² <http://leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposal/details.php?rid=5247>

³ Tahmoor South Coal Project -SSID 17_8445 Ironlaw Pty Ltd submission

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=EXH-897%2120190404T044716.228%20GMT>



Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Vale".

Peter Vale
General Manager
SIMEC Mining – Tahmoor

Appendix 1: Domain name details for bargo.net.au⁴

Domain Name: BARGO.NET.AU
Registry Domain ID: [REDACTED]
Registrar WHOIS Server: [REDACTED]
Registrar URL:
Last Modified: [REDACTED]
Registrar Name: [REDACTED]
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:
Reseller Name:
Status: [REDACTED]
Registrant Contact ID: [REDACTED]
Registrant Contact Name: [REDACTED]
Registrant Contact Email: [REDACTED]
Tech Contact ID: [REDACTED]
Tech Contact Name: [REDACTED]
Tech Contact Email: [REDACTED]
Name Server: [REDACTED]
Name Server: [REDACTED]
Name Server: [REDACTED]
DNSSEC: [REDACTED]
Registrant: IRONLAW PTY. LIMITED
Registrant ID: [REDACTED]
Eligibility Type: Company

>>> Last update of WHOIS database: [REDACTED] <<<



⁴ This information was obtained by SIMEC Mining via a free domain name look up named WHOIS, the URL is <https://whois.auda.org.au/> and we understand the search could be replicated.

Appendix 2: Ironlaw Pty Ltd ABN Record

Historical details for ABN [REDACTED]

Current details

Historical details

 Pdf  Print

ABN details

Entry name

IRONLAW PTY, LIMITED

IRONLAW PTY LIMITED

From

To

ABN Status

Active

From

To

Entity type

[Australian Private Company](#)

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Registered

From

To

Main business location

NSW 2575

NSW 2573

From

To

Business name(s)

Business name

From

To

Trading name(s)

From 1 November 2023, ABN Lookup will not display trading names and will only display registered business names. For more information, click [here](#).

Trading name

From

To

ASIC registration - ACN or ARBN