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Mr Peter Vale
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Via email: Peter.Vale@simecgrg.com

Dear Mr Vale

Re: Tahmoor South Coal Project (SSD 8445)

I write in response to your letter, dated 1 April 2020, regarding the Tahmoor South Coal Project (SSD 8445).

As you're aware, the former Minister for Planning asked the Independent Planning Commission in January last year to conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of this Project in multiple stages. The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment subsequently provided its Preliminary Issues Report to the Commission on 7 June 2019.

The Commission had scheduled the preliminary stage of the public hearing to take place at Tahmoor on 18 July 2019. However, the Department wrote to the Commission on 5 July 2019 to advise that SIMEC Mining intended making modifications to the proposed mine plan and reject emplacement area for the Project.

Consequently, the preliminary stage of the public hearing was cancelled.

I acknowledge the concerns raised in your correspondence about the 'No Mine at Bargo' campaign. As this Project is not presently with the Commission, I would encourage you to discuss these matters with the Department in the first instance.

We will keep a copy of your letter on file and if the Project comes back to the Commission for determination, we will consider it as a duly made submission at that time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me on (02) 9383 2100 or stephen.barry@ipcn.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Barry
Planning Director

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