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Office of the Independent Planning Commission NSW

Dear Sir,

I offer the following submission on the Additional Material referred to in your email dated 2nd August 2021.

The Hume Coal Project provides for the mining of a valuable state asset, using much existing infrastructure as is referred to in the rail project, and utilising ground water for maximum advantage, with any effect on current surface owners being 'made good',

Mining and markets for coal, and investors prepared to take the financial risk, being ephemeral, require production to proceed when the three essential elements coincide. Development and the economic benefit to the Crown resulting from the approval of Hume Coal's Project has superior economic ranking to any residential, tourist or other activity within its zone of influence, and it can only proceed at few points in time.

I submit that the much needed productive and economic benefit, to the Crown, of the Project's approval outweighs any of the Second Referral issues, particularly water and community, as being contemplated by the IPC in its current review.

Regards,

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