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Rod Doyle
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Hume Coal Pty Ltd

via email: rdoyle@humecoal.com.au

Dear Mr Doyle

Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171) – second referral

I refer to the above applications currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

The Panel confirms receipt of your email submission dated 21 July 2021 seeking the Panel's consideration of the confidentiality of information regarding Hume Coal's drill holes, coal quality data and geological structures, prior to the provision of that information to the Panel.

Pursuant to Schedule 2 clause 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Panel is satisfied that if such information is provided to the Panel, it is in the public interest to restrict its publication due to the confidential nature of the information, in particular that the information is commercially sensitive to Hume Coal's operations.

The Panel also takes this opportunity to note that there is geological data already before the Panel in the Joint Ore Reserves Committee compliant reports provided by Hume Coal, specifically the Hume Coal JORC Resource Statement dated September 2014 (as updated in April 2016), and the Hume Coal Project JORC Reserve Statement dated 22 September 2016.

If you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Ms Casey Joshua or Mr Lindsey Blecher on (02) 9383 2100.

Yours sincerely,

Casey Joshua
Acting Planning Director