

Independent Planning Commission.

To The Commissioners

RE: Response to Additional Material provided by Whitehaven about the proposed Stage 3 Extension Project.

On the last page of Whitehaven's response, under the heading Key Environmental Assessment Conditions Whitehaven notes that

'The project is predicted to comply with the recognised thresholds of acceptability outlined in Government Policies. In particular it is predicted there would be':

'No greater than a negligible noise exceedance, except where an existing noise agreement is in place'.

This issue was raised in two submissions to the IPC and for this reason it would appear that Whitehaven have again misled the Department of Planning and indirectly the IPC.

The following is the information provided in these two submissions.

On page 78 Table 12 of the Departments Assessment are the findings on noise issues.

On the bottom of this page it states.

'Whitehaven has advised (the Department of Planning) it has entered into private agreements with the owners of (two receivers 670a and 675a) both these residences such that they would accept these exceedances'.

The two receivers were not named, but according to the location of one of the large ventilation shafts shown on page 8 of the Assessment Report, there are no residences that have not had their properties purchased by Whitehaven closer to this infrastructure than Garry Martin and myself and neither of us have come to any agreement, and nor have we been approached.

I request that the Commissioners ask Whitehaven who the receivers 670a and 675a are .

And **if**, as I suspect they are Garry Martin and myself, Whitehaven should be asked why have they misled the Department of Planning and indirectly the Commissioners, by claiming they have entered into private agreements with us.

Assuming Garry Martin and myself are the two receivers in question then the Commissioners should make it a condition that negotiated agreements about noise exceedances are in place before (perish the thought) this project is approved.

Yours Sincerely

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