Request to the Planning Assessment Commission

Maules Creek Coal Project

Section 23D(1)(b)(ii) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Clauses 268R(1)(a) and 268V of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

I, the Minister for Planning request the Planning Assessment Commission (the PAC) to:

1. Carry out a review of the merits of the Maules Creek Coal Project, which:
   a. takes into consideration the environmental assessment for the project, issues raised in public and agency submissions and any other information provided during the review process;
   b. assesses:
      • the potential cumulative dust, noise, blasting and water impacts of the project;
      • the potential biodiversity impacts of the project;
      • the merits of the mine plan, paying particular attention to the proposed overburden dump and future rehabilitation of the project; and
      • any other potentially significant impacts of the project
   c. recommends appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and/or offset these impacts; and
   d. provides advice on the merits of the project as a whole.

2. Conduct public hearings during the carrying out of the review.

3. Submit its final report on the review to me by 16 December 2011, unless the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure agrees otherwise.

The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Planning & Infrastructure

Sydney 16. August 2011