

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
