



Hume Coal Project SSD 7172 & Berrima Rail Project SSD 7171

The Department of Planning & Environment has now completed its evaluation of the Hume Coal Project (SSD 7172) and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7171) and referred it to us – the Independent Planning Commission NSW – to conduct a Review with Public Hearing, as requested by the Minister for Planning.

The Minister's request to the Commission, made under Section 2.9 (1) (d) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), is as follows (the Minister's Request):

- I, the Minister for Planning, request the Independent Planning Commission to:
1. Conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Hume Coal Project and associated Berrima Rail Project, and:
 - a) Consider the following information:
 - the EIS for the projects;
 - all submissions received on the projects;
 - any relevant expert advice; and
 - any other relevant information
 - b) assess the merits of the Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies, and paying particular attention to the:
 - impacts on surface water and groundwater resources, including on private bores;
 - social and economic impacts of the projects on the locality and region; and
 - suitability of the site; and
 - c) prepare a report summarising the actions taken by the Commission in conducting the public hearing and outlining the Commission's findings on the projects, including any recommendations.
 2. Hold the public hearing as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning & Environment provides its preliminary assessment report to the Commission.
 3. Submit its report on the public hearing to the Department of Planning & Environment within 8 weeks of holding the public hearing, unless other agreed with the Planning Secretary.

The members of the Commission appointed to consider this case are Professor Chris Fell AM (Panel Chair), Mr George Gates, Mr Geoff Sharrock and Ms Annelise Tuor.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The public hearing will be held at **Moss Vale Services Club, Argyle St & Yarrowa St, Moss Vale NSW 2577**, from **10:00am on Tuesday, 26 February 2019**. (*Please Note: The Commission has tentatively set aside Wednesday, 27 February 2019 to extend the hearing to a second day should it be necessary*).

If you wish to apply to speak at the public hearing, you must complete an expression of interest form and return it via email to ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au so that it is received by no later than **5pm AEDT on Friday, 15th February 2019**.



REVIEW WITH PUBLIC HEARING

We encourage you to participate!

This public hearing will be recorded, and a written transcript published on the Commission's website. Speakers should familiarise themselves with the Commission's '**Public Hearing Guidelines**' prior to presenting to the Panel.

The Commission will also accept written submissions up to **5pm AEDT on Wednesday, 6th March 2019** by:

Email: ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

Post: Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

WHERE DO I FIND DOCUMENTS?

All documents relating to this case can be found on the Commission's website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au, under **Hume Coal Project and Berrima Rail Project (SSD 7172 & SSD 7171)**.

EFFECT ON MERIT APPEAL RIGHTS

After this public hearing, no merit appeal may be made under Division 8.3 EP&A Act, in respect of any future decision made by the Commission as consent authority under the EP&A Act in relation to the carrying out of any development that is the subject of this public hearing.