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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Notice of Review and Public Hearing
Airly Mine Extension Project
Lithgow Local Government Area**

The Minister for Planning, pursuant to Section 23D of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, has directed the Planning Assessment Commission to review the application for the **Airly Mine Extension Project**, and hold a public hearing during the review.

The Commission comprises:

- Robyn Kruk AM (chair);
- Alan Coutts; and
- David Johnson..

The terms of reference for the Commission are:

1. Carry out a review of the Airly Mine Extension Project, and:
 - a) Consider the environmental impact statement for the project, the issues raised in submissions, the Commonwealth Independent Expert Scientific Committee's advice, the additional information and response to submissions provided by Centennial Coal, the Department of Planning and Environment's preliminary environmental assessment report, and any other relevant information provided on the project during the review;
 - b) Assess the merits of the project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies and paying particular attention to its potential:
 - subsidence impacts on the natural values of the Muggi Murum-ban State Conservation Area including cliff lines, steep slopes, pagodas and gorges, and any threatened species or endangered ecological communities;
 - water impacts, including any downstream water quality impacts in the Gardens of Stone National Park; and
 - social and economic impacts; and if necessary,
 - c) recommend further measures to avoid, minimise, and/or manage the potential impacts of the project.
2. Conduct public hearings during the review.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 10 weeks of receiving the Department's preliminary environmental assessment of the project, unless the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment agrees otherwise.

The Ministerial Direction and other documents related to this application including the DP&E preliminary assessment report are available on the Commission's website (www.pac.nsw.gov.au reference number R033-15) and the DP&E website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au).

Public Hearings

As directed by the Minister, a public hearing will be held on the project. The hearing will commence at **3:00pm, on Wednesday, 23 September 2015 at the Union Theatre, 63-65 Bridge Street, Lithgow NSW 2790**. The hearing will be open to the public. If you wish to speak at the hearing you must register beforehand
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Speaker Registration and Making a Submission

All submissions made to the DP&E have been forwarded to the Commission for its consideration. If you made a submission and wish to speak at the hearing, please call Aaron Brown on 02 9383 2112 or email pac@pac.nsw.gov.au on or before **1:00pm, Monday, 21 September 2015** to register to speak.

If you wish to make a written submission to the Commission, please send it to Johanna Lee(see contact details below) by **5:00pm, Wednesday, 23 September 2015**.

Persons lodging submissions are required to declare political donations (including donations of more than \$1,000) made in the previous two years. For more details including a disclosure form go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations.

Effect of the public hearing on appeal rights

After this public hearing, no appeal may be made under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in respect of any future decision made by the Commission (including under delegation) in relation to this project application under that Act (See section 23F of the Act).

Privacy

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Commission Report

The Commission will report its findings and recommendations to DP&E, as requested by the Minister.

If you have any questions regarding the Commission's review and process, please call me on 02 9383 2117 or email pac@pac.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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NSW Planning Assessment Commission