



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

R041-17 Wallarah 2 Coal Project
Wyong Local Government Area

The Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, pursuant to Section 23D of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, has directed the Planning Assessment Commission (the Commission) to review the proposed Wallarah 2 Coal Project, and hold a public hearing during the review.

The Commission comprises:

- Robyn Kruk AM (chair);
- David Johnson; and
- Yet to be appointed

The terms of reference for the Commission are:

I, the Minister for Planning, request the Planning Assessment Commission to:

1. Carry out a review of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project, and:
 - (a) consider the amended development application and accompanying written particulars, the issues raised in submissions, the formal response to submissions, the Department of Planning and Environment's addendum report on the development application, and any other information provided on the development during the course of the review or as part of the public hearings;
 - (b) considering the likely economic, environmental and social impacts of the amended development application in the locality, in the region and for the State;
 - (c) assessing the merits of the amended development application as a whole, having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines;
 - (d) considering the Department of Planning and Environment's responses to the Commission's previous review of the development; and
 - (e) providing recommendations on any additional reasonable and feasible measures that could be implemented to avoid, minimise and/or manage the potential impacts of the development;
2. Hold a public hearing during the review as soon as practicable after the Department of Planning and Environment provides its addendum assessment report to the Commission; and
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 8 weeks of receiving the Department's addendum assessment report, unless otherwise agreed with the Secretary of the Department.

The Ministerial Direction and other documents related to this application including the Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) preliminary assessment report are available on the Commission's website (www.pac.nsw.gov.au) reference number R041-17 Wallarah 2 Coal Project and the DP&E website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au).

Public Hearing

As directed by the Minister, a public hearing will be held on the project. The hearing will commence at **9:00am on Wednesday, 5 April 2017 at the Wyong Golf Club, 319 Pacific Hwy, Wyong NSW 2259**. The hearing will be open to the public. If you wish to speak at the hearing you must register beforehand.

Speaker Registrations and Making a Submission

All submissions made to the Department of Planning and Environment have been forwarded to the Commission for its consideration. If you have made a submission to the DP&E before and wish to speak at the hearing, please call **Philippa Vale on (02) 9383 2115** or email pac@pac.nsw.gov.au on or before **1:00pm, Monday, 3 April 2017** to register to speak.

If you wish to make a written submission on the Project, please send it to the Commission (see contact details below) by **5:00pm, Wednesday, 12 April 2017**.

NSW Planning Assessment Commission
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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.

Commission Report

The Commission will report its findings and recommendations to the Department of Planning and Environment, as requested by the Minister.

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.)

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