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Dear review panel,

I am an engaged resident of NSW and **I am writing to express my support of the Independent Planning Commission.** If the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) is scrapped or weakened as a result of this review, then this will disempower the people and communities of this state. The IPC is one of the few tools that people like myself have to influence the big projects of our state. I try to be a good citizen, please do not make that harder.

ICAC has recognised that IPC provides a safeguard against corruption. In addition to this, it is a platform for community members and organisations to have their voices heard, instead of being drowned out by large minerals companies and conglomerates. Most communities have little trust in the Department of Planning to be transparent and fair when assessing projects put forwards by large companies. The history of corruption in such processes warrants a degree of skepticism and means that we need an independent body to minimise corruption.

Not only do I want to see the IPC restored, I want it to be restored with greater transparency, increased independence and enhanced opportunities for community input to the process of assessment. I also want to see a **new IPC with greater value of social and environmental factors** – not simply a tick-box for large corporations.

With hope for the future,
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