

Remove Independent Planning Commission

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Dear Mr Achterstraat,

I strongly urge the productivity commission to recommend abolishing the IPC, we do not need unelected representatives making important decisions for our country and we do not need another layer of bureaucracy.

Planning is the foundation and cornerstone of all economic activity in this State and Country.

Any development be it farming, natural resources, health care, construction, manufacturing, education, has been or will be dependant on a planning approval.

Planning approval is the cornerstone for our GDP, generating employment and taxes that help sustain our democracy.

The Constitution of Australia and laws of NSW that we all benefit from, is administered by our elective representatives being the Members of Parliament.

I find it abhorrent that an absolutely vital role of our Government (Planning) is being outsourced to unelected representatives.

The unelected IPC commissioners should have no say in decisions that we the Australian people have elected our representatives to make.

Independent commissioners have nowhere near the accountability of our elected representatives, they often hold other paid positions, are not adequately informed about projects and their decisions are beyond reproach.

Unfortunately, I have had first-hand experience of poor and unprofessional conduct of commissioners through a development I have been involved with at the Gunlake Quarry at Marulan. This we have already brought to the attention of the Minister.

Though I make this submission as a voter and citizen of NSW that believes in democracy.

Yours Faithfully,

