Hi there,

I writing to express my concern regarding the proposed review of the Independent Planning Commission.

The Independent Planning Commission should be retained as it stands, to safeguard, and at least minimise against corrupt conduct, especially from the influence of the fossil fuel industry. This conclusion has already been recommended by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Watering down, or at worst removing the powers of the IPC in the approvals process of developments places the state in danger of corruption from the mining industry, which would inevitably lead to an acceleration of fossil fuel consumption, which would fast track the current and ongoing climate crises.

The political influence of the mining industry and the access of its lobbyists to cabinet members, in the context of its history of corruption, warrant an arm's length process. For example, earlier this year it was reported (https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/mar/22/mining-sector-met-nsw-ministers-almost-every-week-over-four-years) the mining industry had 188 meetings with NSW Ministers over four years, dwarfing community and environment groups.

I would appreciate a response to my concerns given. Government bodies of NSW should genuinely take on board the legitimate concerns of the states residents. A response to my feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

