Dear Productivity Commissioner,

The excessive influence of the mining and developer lobbies is well documented, often as a result of investigations by the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Abolishing the IPC and returning approval powers solely to the Planning Minister and Planning Department would significantly increases corruption risk.

Coal mining agencies work tirelessly to advance mining developments.

We are experiencing extreme weather events which relevant scientists have warned will only become more frequent and more extreme. Coal mining / coal burning are the principle agents of atmospheric carbon imbalance.

Communities in coal mining regions rely on the IPC for an independent and objective consideration of highly damaging and controversial mining projects.

Please consider the path toward a carbon neutral future.

Yours sincerely,