From:
To: NSW Productivity Feedback

Subject: We need the Independent Planning Commission for objective and balanced planning decisions

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Dear Productivity Commissioner,

The Independent Planning Commission is doing an excellent job.

Yet Government is trying to remove it precisely because it is doing its job.

In particular the fair assessment of major projects such as coal mines is probably the most important task at this time. Some close friends of mine living near the Bylong Valley (whom I often visit) were most pleased that the right decision was made in relation to the proposed mine.

I am writing in support of the NSW Independent Planning Commission continuing as the body that assesses major projects in NSW.

It does seem to me and many others that undue influence is being exerted on the Government at this time in a whole range of areas. Should the Planning Commission be disempowered or removed, our very strong perception is that would constitute corruption. After all the Commission was set up at arms length to avoid corruption.

It really is a serious matter!

Regards