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To: [NSW Productivity Feedback](#)
Subject: Retain the IPC to independently assess mining projects.
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Dear Productivity Commissioner,

I am writing to ask for the retention of the NSW Independent Planning Commission as the body that assesses major projects in NSW. Planning law should be applied without prejudice and that's what the IPC was set up for. It has been doing its job, despite pressure from lobby groups on government ministers and departments for partial decisions.

This state already is reeling under the "cut red tape" mantra of the major parties which take donations from vested interests like mining companies and property developers. We see the results in the mined wasteland that used to be the Hunter Valley. We see the corridors of inappropriate high density housing along every main road in Sydney. Houses with no play space for children and high levels of noise and pollution.

We don't need more pandering to vested interests. The IPC system is the last defence against short-sighted decisions which disregard the future wellbeing of this state in order to enrich a few friends of the political leaders.

I Made a submission years ago to an inquiry into the impact of political donations in NSW and ways to reduce those impacts. Why do we need to go through your current inquiry when the ground has already been covered?

Please leave the IPC alone to do its job.

Yours sincerely,

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