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Dear Sir,

I would like to make the following comments in connection with the review of the IPC.

Firstly I would like to say that I am not anti mining. I am pro industry and development, but not at any cost.

Whilst I understand that all bodies and procedures etc. should be reviewed from time to time I am also of the opinion that the authorities who structured and formed the IPC "got it right" in the first instance as the IPC is functioning well. I further understand that the IPC approves an extremely high percentage (95%?) of submissions put before it.

To me the IPC undertakes a function similar to that of the Senate in Government albeit in an a more independent manner. It performs a vital role when it reviews decisions made by the bureaucracy because it takes into greater account the impact such decisions may have on the local population and environment etc. Whilst I do not doubt the professionalism of the bureaucracy in making their decisions I am of the opinion that they largely take a holistic, state or national approach, which whilst admirable sometimes overlooks the significant level of impact such decisions may have on the well being of the local population involved.

An independent body such as the IPC is able to operate without pressure from government lobbyists etc. in order to make decisions in the best interests of all concerned.

I have recent first hand interaction with the IPC when they reviewed the Dartbrook Mod 7 submission. The IPC invited all parties to make submissions and gave everyone who so requested, myself included, sufficient time to address the IPC in respect to their submissions. I was very impressed with the professional and impartial manner in which the IPC conducted this event and also in the way they arranged site visits etc. in order to better appraise themselves of the matter under consideration.

In summary the IPC is working well in that it is approving the vast majority of submissions it considers whilst giving the local silent majority a forum to voice their concerns. To me it should be retained in its current or even expanded format with a focus on retaining and attracting experienced professional staff to ensure its ongoing functionality.

I am of the opinion that other jurisdictions could benefit by implementing a similar body to the IPC.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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