

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Planning Assessment Commission Supports 'The Drip' Protection**

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Mudgee District Environment Group (MDEG) welcomes the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) support to have 'The Drip' on the Goulburn River protected within the national park.

The recently released report on the Moolarben Stage 2 proposal outlines that the PAC considers that *'The Drip is a significant and iconic natural feature which the Commission agrees should be protected.'*<sup>1</sup>

The report states that the Commission has met with the Department of Planning and was advised that progress was being made to *'agree on a suitable parcel of land to be incorporated into Goulburn River National Park.'*<sup>2</sup>

The Commission has emphasized that it would not determine the Moolarben Stage 1 modification 9 proposal until this issue was resolved.<sup>3</sup>

MDEG believes that the protection of the land surrounding 'The Drip' is critical to the long term water supply to this popular tourist destination.

'Yancoal has the opportunity to demonstrate credentials as a responsible corporate citizen,' said Bev Smiles from MDEG.

'The protection of the river corridor and The Drip block along with the generous donation of land by the Imrie family will provide an important addition to the Goulburn River National Park.'

MDEG calls on the NSW Government to acknowledge the PAC recognition of the value of protecting 'The Drip.'

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PAC Report can be found at:

<http://www.pac.nsw.gov.au/Projects/PACReviews/tabid/106/ctl/viewreview/mid/461/pac/369/view/readonly/myctl/rev/Default.aspx>

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<sup>1</sup> PAC Report p23

<sup>2</sup> PAC Report p37

<sup>3</sup> PAC Report p 38