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John Colvin

Subject: FW: AW: Parliament Committee

I refer to my various emails and to our telephone discussion and note we are awaiting from you

1. Brief summary of matters discussed at the debrief session
2. Update on new benchmarks from the NWGA.
3. Indication that local community support and in particular from the mining industry to our proposed Scheme and the need for a Feasibility Study would be of great assistance in support of a further application for funding.
4. Contact details to be involved in formulating an updated Upper Hunter Water Strategy.

As mentioned, on Monday 21st October I, on behalf of Hunter Lakes Corporation will be a witness before the Statutory Committee on State Development into beneficial and productive post-mining land use. The other witness for HLC is Mr Peter Laux from LEAG the energy and mining company operating in the Lusatia area.

I enclose copy of his paper Lessons Learnt in 35 years on the way from Europe's largest open cast coal region to the Lusatia lakesland. The lessons are instructive and very relevant to what is proposed in the Hunter Valley with the advent of mine closures, starting with BHP Mount Arthur scheduled for 2030.

As mentioned, the current Upper Hunter Water Strategy drafted around 2018 makes no mention whatsoever of any overseas experience. To further ignore these lessons is, in our opinion, not in the interests of NSW.

I propose to table this email before the Committee.

Regards

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