

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Waters asked:

The Senate documents also make reference to a 'peer review' of the material submitted by the Northern Inland Council for the Environment.

- a) Where is this review?
- b) Was it completed?
- c) Can it be be tabled?

Answer:

- a) A review of third party reports, as well as the Independent Review of the Maules Creek offsets submitted by Whitehaven Coal, was commissioned by the Department and submitted to the Department on the 27 March 2014.
- b) This review is completed.
- c) Documents can be tabled when this is requested of a Minister and the document is not subject to any relevant immunity. Alternatively, the document may be sought directly from the Department of the Environment.