



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bulga Optimisation Project (Open Cut Extension) Singleton Local Government Area

The former Minister for Planning, pursuant to Section 23D of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, has directed the Planning Assessment Commission to review the proposed Bulga Optimisation Project, and hold a public hearing during the review.

The Commission comprises:

- Mr Garry West (Chair);
- Mr Alan Coutts; and
- Mr Gordon Kirkby.

The terms of reference for the Commission are:

- a) consider the Department of Planning and Environment's (DP&E) assessment report of the merits of the project;
- b) consider the EIS for the project, the issues raised in submissions, the formal response to submissions, the amended project application report and any other relevant information provided on the project during the course of the review;
- c) assess the merits of the project as a whole, paying particular attention to air quality, noise and blasting impacts of the project; and
- d) recommend any further measures required to avoid, minimise, and/or manage the potential impacts of the project.

The Ministerial Direction and other documents related to this application including the DP&Es preliminary assessment report are available on the Commission's website (www.pac.nsw.gov.au reference number R023/14) and the Departments website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au).

Public Hearing

As directed by the Minister, a public hearing will be held on the project. The hearing will commence at **9:00am on Wednesday, 25 June 2014 at the Singleton Heights Diggers Club (Alroy Park Complex) Dorsman Drive, Singleton Heights**. The hearing will be open to the public. If you wish to speak at the hearing you must register beforehand.

Speaker Registrations and Making a Submission

All submissions made to the Department of Planning and Environment have been forwarded to the Commission for its consideration. If you have made a submission to DP&E before and wish to speak at the hearing, please call Miss Stephanie Calderaro on 9383 2102 or email pac@pac.nsw.gov.au on or before **1:00pm, Thursday, 19 June 2014** to register to speak.

If you wish to make a written submission to the Commission, please send it to Ms Naomi Cleaves (see contact details below) by **1:00pm, Thursday, 19 June 2014**. If you also wish to speak at the public hearing, please clearly indicate this on the first page of your submission, or contact Miss Stephanie Calderaro to register.

Persons lodging submissions are required to declare political donations (including donations of more than \$1,000) made in the previous two years. For more details including a disclosure form go to <http://www.pac.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/tabid/55/Default.aspx>.

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Commission Report

The Commission will report its findings and recommendations to the Department of Planning and Environment, as requested by the Minister.

Effect of the public hearing on appeal rights

After this public hearing, no appeal may be made under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in respect of any future decision made by the Commission (including under delegation) in relation to this project application under that Act. (See section 23F of the Act.)

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