



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

### Zirconia Mine Proposal Dubbo Local Government Area

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The 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 Zirconia Mine, and hold a public hearing during the review.

The Commission comprises:

- Mr Paul Forward (chair);
- Mr Joe Woodward PSM; and
- Mr Gordon Kirkby.

The terms of reference for the Commission are:

1. Carry out a review of the Dubbo Zirconia Project, and:
  - a) consider the EIS for the project, the issues raised in submissions, the formal response to submissions, the Department of Planning and Environment's preliminary assessment report for the project, and any other relevant information provided on the project during the course of the review;
  - b) assess the merits of the project as a whole, paying particular attention to the likely
    - air quality impacts, including any exposure to radioactive material;
    - water impacts;
    - transport impacts; and
    - long term land use impacts of the project, including the suitability and feasibility of the proposed rehabilitation strategy; and
  - c) recommend any measures to further avoid, minimise, and/or manage the potential impacts of the project (if required).
2. Conduct public hearings after the Department of Planning and Environment provides a copy of its preliminary assessment report for the project to the Planning Assessment Commission.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 2 months of the public hearings, unless the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment agrees otherwise.

The Ministerial Direction and other documents related to this application including the Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) preliminary assessment report are available on the Commission's website ([www.pac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pac.nsw.gov.au)) reference number R025/14 and the DP&E website ([www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://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 Tuesday, 4 November 2014 at the Dubbo RSL, 178 Brisbane Street, Dubbo**. 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 the DP&E before and wish to speak at the hearing, please call Miss Rebeca Chungue on 9383 2112 or email [pac@pac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pac@pac.nsw.gov.au) on or before **1:00pm, Wednesday, 29 October 2014** to register to speak.

If you wish to make a written submission to the Commission, please send it to Ms Megan Webb (see contact details below) by **1:00pm, Wednesday, 29 October 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 Rebeca Chungue 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 [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations).

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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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