

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE We encourage you to participate!

Vickery Extension Project SSD 7480

NEW PUBLIC HEARING DATES: MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2019 (BOGGABRI) TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2019 (GUNNEDAH)

The Independent Planning Commission NSW is the consent authority for the Vickery Extension Project SSD 7480. The Minister for Planning has requested the Commission to conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Project.

The preliminary stage of the multi-stage public hearing was originally scheduled for December 2018 but had to be postponed due to considerable public interest.

This will now take place over two days: at Boggabri RSL Memorial Club, 77-79 Laidlaw St, Boggabri NSW 2382 on Monday, 4 February 2019, from 9:00am; and at Gunnedah Town Hall, 152 Conadilly Street, Gunnedah NSW 2380, on Tuesday, 5 February 2019, from 9:00am.

The preliminary stage of the multi-stage public hearing will consider the following:

- EIS for the project
- Submissions on the project
- Any relevant expert advice, and
- Any other relevant information

Those who previously registered to present to the Panel in December will be contacted by the Commission to confirm they still wish to speak and are available to do so. Anyone else who would like to apply to speak at the hearing must complete an expression of interest form and return it via email to ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au so that it's received no later than **5pm AEDT on Wednesday**, **30 January 2019**.

And if you can't make it or just don't like public speaking, that's not a problem! You can provide written submissions on the project up to **5pm AEDT on Tuesday**, **12 February 2019**.

The details for any subsequent stage of the multi-stage public hearing will be notified at a later date.

This public hearing will be recorded, and a written transcript published on the Commission's website. Speakers should familiarise themselves with the Commission's 'Guidelines for a public hearing held in multiple stages' prior to presenting to the Panel.

Effect on Merit Appeal Rights

After this public hearing, no merit appeal may be made under Division 8.3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*, in respect of any future decision made by the Commission as consent authority under the EP&A Act, in relation to the carrying out of any development that is the subject of this public hearing. See Division 8.3 of the EP&A Act for more details.

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More information

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Preliminary Issues Report is available on our website: www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au under R044-18 Vickery Extension Project. Other relevant documents are available at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au under SSD 7480.

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