



## IPC granted time extension to determine Bowdens Silver mine

22 February 2023

The Independent Planning Commission has been granted a three-week time extension to 6 April 2023 from the Planning Secretary for the determination of the Bowdens Silver Project (SSD 5765). The extension has been made to afford the Panel the time to consider the large volume of verbal and written submissions received from stakeholders.

As it is the Commission's practice not to hold public hearings over the Christmas/New Year period, the Commission conducted its three-day public hearing into the Bowdens Project over 15, 16 and 17 February 2023, which was relatively late within the 12 week determination period set by the Minister.

At the public hearing, the Commission heard verbal submissions from 80 speakers. To date, the Commission has also received more than 700 written submissions on the Bowdens Project, with written submissions still being accepted until 5pm on 24 February 2023

To give due consideration to these submissions the deadline for determination of the Bowdens Project has been extended by three weeks to 6 April 2023.

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