



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wilpinjong Extension Project Mid-Western Regional Council Local Government Area

The Honourable Rob Stokes MP, 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 Wilpinjong Extension Project, and hold a public hearing during the review.

The Commission comprises Joe Woodward PSM (chair); David Johnson; and Alan Coutts

The terms of reference for the Commission are:

I, the Minister for Planning, request the Planning Assessment Commission to:

1. Carry out a review of Wilpinjong Extension Project, and:
 - (a) consider the EIS for the project, all issues raised in public and agency submissions, and any information provided on the project during the course of the review;
 - (b) assess the merits of the project as a whole having regard to all relevant NSW Government policies, paying particular attention to the impacts of the project on Wollar village; and, if necessary;
 - (c) recommend appropriate measures to avoid, minimise and /or manage significant impacts of the project.
2. Conduct public hearings during the review as soon as practicable after the department of Planning and Environment provides its preliminary assessment report to the Commission.
3. Submit its final report on the review to the Department of Planning and Environment within 10 weeks of receiving the department's preliminary assessment report, unless the Secretary 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) reference number R039-16 and the DP&E 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 **10:00am on Tuesday, 29 November 2016 at the Mudgee Town Hall Theatre 64 Market Street, Mudgee NSW 2850**. 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 **Philippa Vale on (02) 9383 2115** or email pac@pac.nsw.gov.au on or before **1:00pm, Friday, 25 November 2016** to register to speak.

If you wish to make a written submission to the Commission, please send it to David Koppers (see contact details below) by **5:00pm, Monday, 5 December 2016**.

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.

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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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