

NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING

HVO NORTH AND SOUTH OPEN CUT COAL CONTINUATION PROJECTS

(SSD-11826681 & SSD-11826621)



New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

The HVO North and South Open Cut Coal Continuation Projects are two development applications for the continuation of the HVO North and HVO South open cut coal mines and associated infrastructure, including the extraction of approximately 430 million tonnes of ROM coal through to 2042 and 2045.

The Independent Planning Commission is the consent authority that will determine whether or not the development applications for these projects should be approved and, if so, with what conditions.

A Panel of three Commissioners will consider the applications and seek the community's views by inviting written submissions and holding a public hearing.

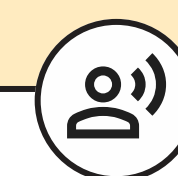
KEY DATES



Speaker registrations close
12 noon on Wed 8 July 2026



Written submissions close
11:59PM on Sun 2 August 2026



Public hearing
10:00AM on
Thurs 16, Fri 17 &
*Wed 22 July 2026

**Please note: Day 3 of the public hearing on Wednesday 22 July will be fully virtual.*

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COMMISSION PROCESS



ALL INFORMATION CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE COMMISSION WEBSITE

Our website has a 'case page' for the HVO North and South Open Cut Coal Continuation SSD applications where all the documents that the Panel will consider, including meeting transcripts and public submissions, can be accessed throughout the case.

Key documents include the Assessment Report and recommended conditions prepared by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for the Commission.



WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED

The Commission invites written submissions from all interested parties. We have sent an email to everyone who previously made a written submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to inform them that submissions on these applications and their assessment are open.

- Written submissions are to be lodged via the website case page before the submission deadline.
- Written submissions are not to be provided by email.



THE PANEL WILL HOLD STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS & A SITE INSPECTION

The Panel will generally meet separately with local council/s, DPHI, the applicant, and others as required, to seek additional detail about the applications and their assessment. A full transcript of these meetings will be published on our website. The Panel will also inspect the proposed project site and visit the local area. A detailed record of these visits will be published on the case page.



A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has requested the Commission hold a public hearing on these applications. A livestreamed public hearing will be held at the Braxton Community Hall at 10:00AM on Thursday 16 & Friday 17 July 2026 and livestreamed. **A fully virtual third day has been added on Wednesday 22 July 2026.** At the hearing, the applicant will present the proposed development, DPHI will present its whole-of-government assessment of the applications, and registered speakers will make verbal submissions to the Panel. As a public hearing will be held into these applications, merit appeal rights in respect of the decisions on these applications will not be available for either the applicant or objectors.



THE PANEL WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION

The Commission has been asked to make its decision about the applications within 12 weeks of receiving the applications. When the Commission makes its decision, a **Statement of Reasons for Decision** that includes how community views were taken into account is published on our website and all who participated in our process are notified of the decision.



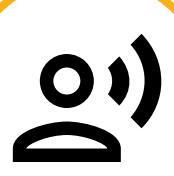
HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?



MAKE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Individuals, groups or organisations can lodge written submissions on the Commission's website.

The deadline for written submissions is 11:59PM on Sunday 2 August 2026.



SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Registered speakers can present in person, via video conference or via telephone.

- Register to speak on the Commission's website by 12 noon on Wednesday 8 July 2026.
- Any presentation slides must be provided to us five days in advance of the hearing.



VIEW THE PUBLIC HEARING

Members of the community can either;

- attend the hearing in person on 16 & 17 July 2026 as a member of the audience; or
- watch the livestream via the Commission's website for all 3 days.

Recordings and transcripts will be made available on the website within three business days for those unable to attend.

Contact the Office of the Independent Planning Commission

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